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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
July 26-29

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Jas. D. McNeill, President
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CHARLOTTE MEETING, JULY 23-26, 1901.

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Jas. D. McNeill, President
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W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
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DURHAM MEETING, AUGUST 11-13, 1903.

Jas. D. McNeill, President
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.
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SALISBURY MEETING, AUGUST 2-4, 1904.

Jas. D. McNeill, President
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.
R. D. Douglas, 2nd Vice-Pres.
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WINSTON-SALEM MEETING, JULY 18-20, 1905.

Jas. D. McNeill, President
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.
J. F. Maddry, 2nd Vice-Pres.
W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
L. H. Lumsden, Statistician

ASHEVILLE MEETING, JULY 10-12, 1606.

Jas. D. McNeill, President
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.
J. F. Maddry, 2nd Vice-Pres.
W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
R. C. Tcylor, Treasurer
L. H. Lumsden, Statistician

WILMINGTON MEETING, AUGUST 6-10, 1907.

Jas. D. McNeill, President
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres.
J. F. Maddry, 2nd Vice-Pres.
W. C. VonGlahn, Secretary
R. C. Taylor, Treasurer
W, P, Monroe, Statistician

WILMINGTON MEETING, JUNE 16-19, 1908.

Jas. D. McNeill, President, Fayetteville, N. C.
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres., Salisbury, N. C.
C. U. Harris, 2nd Vice-Pres., Raleigh, N. C.
Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, Concord, N. C.
R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, Winston-Salem, N. C.
W. P. Monroe, Statistician, Wilmington, N. C.

ASHEVILLE MEETING, JULY 6-9, 1909.

Jas. D. McNeill, President, Fayetteville, N. C.
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres., Salisbury, N. C.
S. G. Bernard, 2nd Vice-Pres., Ashevilie, N. C.
Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, Concord, N. C.
R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, Winston-Salem, N. C.
W. P. Monroe, Statistician, Wilmington, N. C.

NEW BERN MEETING, JULY 26-29, 1910.

Jas. D. McNeill, President, Fayetteville, N. C.
A. H. Boyden, 1st Vice-Pres., Salisbury, N. C.
S. G. Bernard, 2nd Vice-Pres., Asheville, N. C.
Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, Concord, N. C.
R. C. Taylor, Treasurer, Winston-Salem, N. C.
M. S. Davis, Statistician, Louisburg, N. C.

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The meeting was called to order by the Second Vice-President, Mr. S. G. Bernard, who said:

It becomes my duty, as Second Vice-President of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, to call to order the twenty-third convention. And I deem it meet and proper that before proceeding we should ask the blessings and guidance of the Great High Chief upon our deliberations. I will ask Dr. C. L. Graves, of the First Baptist church, to invoke the blessings of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe upon our convention.

Dr. Graves then offered a very beautiful and earnest prayer commending to the care and guidance of the Father the heroic men who daily risk their lives in the work of rescue and labor of love in protecting the lives and property of the people of North Carolina.

Second Vice-President S. G. Bernard:

Gentlemen of the Convention, it gives me pleasure to present to you Chief Richardson, of the New Bern Fire Department.

Mr. Richardson:

Mr. Chairman and members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, I take great pleasure in presenting to you Mr. S. M. Brinson, one of New Bern's leading citizens, who will deliver the address of welcome.

Mr. Brinson:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:—I regret to announce to you that the Mayor of our City is detained elsewhere this morning owing to the celebration that is now being held in our city and has commissioned me to extend to you the official welcome of the city. I do not want you to feel that this welcome is extended in any formal or perfunctory manner; that we are welcoming you here this morning simply because it is the custom wherever you hold your annual reunion, but we are welcoming you here because the people

of this town, the men, the women, the boys and girls of this town want you here, because their homes and their hearts are open to you and we want to take you and make you as one with us, because from the earliest days of our town's history the people of our city have taken a pride in our fire department. The very best of our citizenship, the strength and vigor of our young men, the wisdom, the conservative sound judgment of our older men have been enlisted in this worthy work of which you are a potent part, and in the advancement of which brings you here today. We believe in the fire department, and the men of the fire department, and we are happy today, extremely happy, that at this Bi-centennial, when we are celebrating the 200th anniversary of this old historical town that we have here with us the firemen of the State, for in the brotherhood that exists among you, in your loyalty to your city, to your town, to your State, we recognize that you have contributed so largely through all these years to the material advancement of our State, the development of the best type of citizenship in our commonwealth, and in the name of our city I extend to you a most cordial welcome.

I am indeed moved this morning as I gaze into your faces and recall your work, your deeds, your sacrifices for others. All through my life I have had the utmost admiration for the men who in cold, in heat, in the face of danger, at the peril of their lives, spring forth to the call of duty, to preserve the lives and property of their people. (Applause.) I have the greatest praise; I would not stint the meed of praise upon the men who in response to the call of their duty are ready and willing to risk all in behalf of their fellows, without the inspiring strains of martial music that lead men on to battle; there is no less heroism, nay, there is more, for in the dull, prosaic days of the times of peace, the men of the fire department are always ready to respond to the call of duty, and risk life or injury to limb in defence of property and lives. I can understand how amid the soul stirring scenes of battle, with the inspiring strains of martial music, the sharp and spirited word of command can cause a man to risk his all in defence of some high principle, but the fireman without the stirring scenes of battle, is ready, as I said, in these cold, dull and prosaic times, to risk his life, injury to limb, for protection to the lives and property of his fellowmen. So I honor the firemen.

I heard yesterday Dr. Hannis Taylor tell with what pride he came back to the old town of his birth, and how he valued the praise of his fellow townsmen, far and above the emblems he had received from the great universities of the Old World in recognition of his high intellectual and literary attainments, but I tell you he never had more pride in all the honors which have been bestowed upon him, than I had when a barefooted boy I was allowed the happy privilege of toting my father's trumpet at the annual reunion on the 27th day of February of each year. There comes back to me through all these years the memory of those

good old days when we boys were given the privilege of carrying the emblem of rank through which was given the calls, the commands for the performance of heroic deeds, of self-sacrifice by our firemen fathers. All praise to the firemen; all honor to the brave men who devote their time, their means, the risk of life and limb, to the protection and preservation of life and property. We welcome you in the name of our town; we welcome you in the name of the men of our town, in the name of the women of our town, and we welcome you in the name of our whole citizenship.

Chief Bernard:

I wish on behalf of the firemen of North Carolina, to tell you in the most common, plain way, that we greatly appreciate the cordial welcome that has been extended to us by the City of New Bern. I want to say that I wished this meeting to take place at New Bern, because I have not forgotten when I invited the Association to meet at Asheville in 1906, New Bern also invited the Association to meet in their city, and New Bern very generously withdrew their invitation in favor of Asheville, and I want to tell the people of Newbern and the firemen of Newbern that I have never forgotten that, and voted for the association to come here this year. I want to congratulate the firemen and the people of New Bern upon what they have undertaken to celebrate, the 200th anniversary of the founding of their city; I congratulate you upon the great men and citizens you have given to the State and Nation, and I congratulate you upon the band of noble fire fighters you have here. I desire to again thank you for your warm and cordial welcome to the city of New Bern.

I will ask Chief Clark, of Southern Pines, to say a few words in behalf of the firemen.

Chief Clark:

Mr. President and fire boys of North Carolina:—When the gentleman was making his speech he called your attention to falling upon the field of battle. I experienced very peculiar feelings on the field of battle. It has been fitfy years the 4th day of July, this month, since I pitched on to a hose wagon. I have been a fireman for 50 years and I have never hitched on to anything that gives me greater pleasure than to hitch a hose on to a fire plug. New Bern is 200 years old today. When I came into the Opera House I swear to you, I thought she was 1000 years old. When the gentleman made his stirring speech it made my old heart glad to receive such a welcome to the City of New Bern. He said there were stirring sights and scenes on the field of battle. I tell you I was scared all the time. I want to tell you that when I was on the field of battle I ran away from the field as often as I had the opportunity, and for 45 years since I have been running to fires. This town is old enough and

good enough to give us a warm welcome, but I won't tell you about the breakfast I got this morning, because it might make you feel bad, as it did me. I want to tell you that Eastern North Carolina has always a hearty welcome to extend to you, and that little Yankee town down here I can speak for—we are all Southerners. Forty years I have been in your State and I am a Tar Heel from top to bottom Now boys, the political campaign is approaching. I am not a candidate for anything in the fire department, but there are some good men that are, and while I won't mention their names now, all I want you to do when the time comes is to vote for the men I ask you to.

Mr. Turner:

I am sure the firemen of the State appreciate the cordial welcome that has been extended to them, and I am sure that we will enjoy every hour of our stay here. It is now about dinner time, and I will not, therefore, make any further remarks.

The Chairman:

The first order of business is the Roll Call. The Secretary will call the roll, and the delegates will answer.

Secretary calls the roll, and credentials were presented. The following committee on credentials was appointed:

CHAS. SCHNIBBENS, Wilmington.
A. B. HORNEY, High Point.
L. H. LUMSDEN, Raleigh.
W. A. BROWN, Salisbury.
H. E. KING, Goldsboro.

The chair calls the next order of business, the reading of the minutes of the last previous meeting.

Motion that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with; seconded and carried.

The Chairman:

I don't know why so many of the firemen are not here, except it is on account of the parade this morning. I wish to state that in order that we may proceed with the order of business this afternoon, it will be necessary for the delegates who have not already done so to present their credentials to the Secretary of the association between now and the adjourned hour, so that the committee may pass upon them.

It is moved and seconded that the association adjourn until 2:30 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

At 2:30 the Convention was called to order by President McNeill.

President McNeill:

I deem it my duty to you and myself to explain why the meeting was called to order by our vice-president this morning. The mayor of the city and chairman of the committee of arrangements of the New Bern Celebration requested myself along with Vice-president Boyden and Gen. Armfield to act as judges of the several exhibitors in the big parade this morning. I told the mayor and the chairman that our organization was to meet at 11 o'clock. He told me that the parade would start promptly at 10 o'clock and that I would have ample time to call your meeting to order. Unfortunately the parade did not start until near 12 o'clock. Therefore, Vice-president Bernard by virtue of his right called you to order and proceeded with the regular order of business, appointed the committee on credentials and proceeded with the morning's business of the convention.

I hope now the delegates are all here, and there will be nothing to distract your attention from the business of the convention and that this afternoon we may proceed with such business as is necessary to transact. The report of the committee on credentials is now in order.

The report of the committee was here read.

We, the credential committee, desire to submit the following report, and do hereby certify that we have carefully gone over all credentials and have so marked same on the accompanying report, which shows all delegates properly qualified and companies represented:

ASHEVILLE.

Chief—N. B. Wilson.
Superintendent of Water Works—Wm. Francis.
Superintendent Fire Alarm—B. B. Hampton.
Hook and Ladder Co.—J. V. Holderbrauk, J. H. Koon.
Hose Co. No. 2—A. L. Duckett, Frank Hill.
Hose Co. No. 1—E. M. Isreal, V. B. Bostic.

BILTMORE.

Chief—J. C. Lipe.
Assistant Chief—G. G. Arthur.
Assistant Chief—G. D. Bell.
Fire Company—Not represented.

BURLINGTON.

Chief—B. M. Walker.
Assistant Chief—John T. Love.
Superintendent of Water Works—F. V. Snell.
Fire Company No. 1—Chas. O. Walker, J. L. Waller.

CHARLOTTE.

Chief—W. S. Orr.
Superintendent of Fire Alarm—W. A. Cruse.
Station No. 1—J. H. Wallace, W. H. Palmer.
Station No. 2—G. W. Spittle, W. L. Devarough.
Station No. 3—J. R. Erwin, J. A. Lawing.

CONCORD.

Chief—Jno. L. Miller.
Assistant Chief—R. A. Sappenfield.
Chemical Co. No. 1—L. C. Biles, J. C. Foil.
Hose Co. No. 2—J. H. Dorton, E. T. Goldston.
Cannonville Reel Team—S. N. Nash, Frank Penninger.

CHAPEL HILL.

Chief—W. A. Lloyd.
Assistant Chief—J. L. Foister.
Hose Co. No. 1—D. T. Neville, Auburn Leigh.

CHESTNUT HILL.

Chief—G. O. Kluttz.
Assistant Chief—J. G. Reeves.
South Side Reel Team—M. A Shank, George Safrit.

DUNN

Chief—H. C. McNeill.
Assistant Chief—T. C. Young.
Superintendent of Water Works—L. W. Bizzell.
Lucknow Reel Co.—Perry Morgan.
Winnie Davis Reel Co.—Not represented.

DURHAM.

Chief—D. C. Christian.
Assistant Chief—B. C. Cannada.
Superintendent of Water Works—J. C. Michie.

Assistant Superintendent of Water Works—H. Bolton.
Hose Company No. 1—W. H. Lewellan, W. L. Bowling.
Hose Company No. 2—W. J. Scott, C. H. Turner.
Independent Hose Co.—No credentials.

ELIZABETH CITY.

Chief—D. G. Brockett.
Superintendent Fire Alarm—C. G. Pritchard.
Superintendent of Water Works—R. E. Lewis.
Fire Company—Not represented.

EDENTON.

Reel Team No. 3—Not represented.
Reel Team No. 2—Not represented.
Reel Team No. 1—Not represented.

FAYETTEVILLE.

Chief—T. Blackburn.
Fire Company—W. T. Jones, J. J. Croswell, Jr.
Chicora S. F. E. Co.—J. D. McNeill, Jos. W. Strange.

FREEMONT.

Chief—J. L. Hare.
Assistant Chief—Z. M. L. Peacock.
Fire Company—J. T. Hooks, Jr.

GRAHAM.

Assistant Chief—E. P. McClure.
Hose Company No. 1—Not represented.

GREENSBORO.

Chief—F. N. Taylor.
Assistant Chief—W. R. Pleasant.
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1—E. E. Bane, R. B. Beall.
Steam F. E. Co. No. 1—J. E. Webb, W. S. Hire.
South Side H. Co. No. 4—Robert D. Douglas, H. C. B. Guthrie.
West End Hose Co. No. 5—F. A. Watson, W. B. Ross.
Eagle Hose Co. No. 7—H. J. Elam, W. B. Leych.

GOLDSBORO.

Chief—H. E. King.
Assistant Chief—H. Weill.
Superintendent of Water Works—J. S Dortch.
Chairman Fire and Water Com.—Lionel Weil.
Fire Company No. 1—George Dewey, Wash Bizzell.
Eclipse S. F. E. Co. No. 1—Max Cohen, Leslie Overton.
Electric Reel Team—Mascus Jones, W. D. Creech.

GREENVILLE.

Chief—D. D. Overton.
Hope Fire Co. No. 1—W. S. Maye, Paul Mitrick.

HENDERSON.

Chief—M. J. O'Neil.
Nelson Hose Co.—C. E. Page, E. H. Brown.

HICKORY.

Chief—C. A. Moser.
Assistant Chief—E. D. Yoder.
Superintendent Fire Alarm—N. S. Dasher.
Hose Co. No. 1—A. T. Yoder, F. J. Flagler.
Hose Co. No. 2—R. B. Shell, H. E. Sigmore.

HIGH POINT.

Chief—A. B. Horney.
Assistant Chief—J. H. Long.
North S. H. Co. 1—L. P. Burns, C. R. Carroll.
South S. H. Co. 2—Walter L. Hepler, J. Ed. Kirkman.
West End F. Co. 3—H. U. Oaks, C. T. Westmoreland.

KINSTON.

Chief—R. F. Hill.
Assistant Chief—W. D. Suggs.
Caswell Fire Co. No. 1—T. V. Manly, J. F. Hooker, Jr.

LOUISBURG.

Fire Co. No. 1—J. L. Palmer, M. S. Davis.
Cheatham Reel Team—J. A. Turner, S. B. Nash.

LENOIR.

Chief—Z. S. Miller.
Superintendent of Water Works—J. L. Cottrell.
Hose Co. No. 1—J. D. Matherson, N. R. Triplett.

MONROE.

Chief—D. A. Armfield.
Fire Co. No. 1—W. L. Howie, J. B. Williams.
Independent Co.—H. K. Hough.

MT. AIRY.

Chief—J. B. Banner.
Assistant Chief—W. H. Brannock.
Fire Company—Not represented.

NEW BERN.

Chief—E. F. Richardson.
Assistant Chief—G. Y. Harrenton.
Steam F. E. Co. No. 1—J. C. Barker, L. L. Land.
Atlantic S. F. E. Co. No. 1—J. C. Thomas.
Fourth Ward Hose Co. No. 1—F. O. Shrive, ——Hooker.

OXFORD.

Chief—S. M. Wheeler.
Assistant Chief—J. R. Wood.
Edwards Hook and Ladder Co.—Not represented.

RALEIGH.

Chief—L. H. Lumsden.
Rescue No. 1—W. A. Faucett, C. B. Parks.
Capital Hose No. 3—Chas. D. Arthur, Jas. F. Jordan.
Womble Hook and Ladder Co.—Jno. S. Wynne, Hubert H. Horton.
L. A. Mahler Steamer Co.—Chas. Farmer, T. B. Hart.

ROCKY MOUNT.

Chief—J. J. Battle.
Assistant Chief—D. D. Daughtridge.
Steam F. E. Co. No. 1—W. S. May, R. W. Rawls.

SALEM.

Chief—F. C. Meinuna.
Assistant Chief—W. S. Pfohl.
Rough and Ready Fire Co.—Jeff Kirkman, Alf. Johnson.
West End S. Co.—Chas. E. Tesh, H. H. Holdbrooks.

SALISBURY.

Chief—W. A. Brown.
Assistant Chief—A. P. Hartline.
Engine Co. No. 1—C. H. Swink, G. C. Beck.
Hose Co. No. 1—J. C. Kesler, H. J. Shively.
Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1—W. E. Shulenberger, D. L. Sides.

SANFORD.

Chief—A. B. Cox.
Superintendent of Water Works—D. A. Gross.
Hose Co. No. 1—D. L. Seymore, A. P. King.

SPENCER.

Chief—W. H. Burton.
Volunteer Fire Company—W. H. Burton, W. A. Boon.

SPENCER SHOP.

Chief---M. Stewart.
Assistant Chief—A. W. Edwards.
Shop Team—W. F. Porter, J. A. Hutchinson.

STATESVILLE.

Chief—C. W. Conner.
Assistant Chief---Thomas Kerr.
Superintendent of Water Works—L. Neeley.
Volunteer Fire Company—J. E. Boyd, J. L. Ramsey.

SOUTHERN PINES.

Chief—A. M. Clark.
Assistant Chief---J. T. Dillehoy.
Hose Company No 1—W. J. Blue, P. Clark.
Hose Company No. 2—N. W. Cain, T. S. Burgess.
Hook and Ladder Co.—A. F. Thomas, J. A. Kelly.

TARBORO.

Chief—J. R. Thomas.
Assistant Chief—P. L. McCabe.
Superintendent of Water Works---E. P. Meredith.
Hook and Ladder Company---Earl West, R. D. Foxhall.

WASHINGTON.

Chief---Dr. E. M. Brown.
Assistant Chiefs---F. C. Kugle and G. T. Leach.
Ocean Fire Company No. 1—Not represented.
Volunteer Hose Company No. 1---Jas. F. Tayloe, C. M. Brown, Jr.
Phoenix Hook and Ladder Co.---Not represented.
West End Reel Co.---Heber Wingfield, J. H. Harper.

WILMINGTON.

Chief---Chas. Schnibbens.
Assistant Chief---W. P. Monroe.
Engine Company No. 1—P. N. Fisch, W. B. Calwell.
Engine Company No. 2---R. S. Liles, W. A. Cannada.
Chemical Company No. 1---W. H. Hermon, A. D. Mawsey.
Hose Company No. 3---Lonie Fremuth, W. H. Merritt.
Hook and Ladder Company No. 1---John T. Gates, L. Croom.

WINSTON.

Chief---D. M. Hithcox.
Assistant Chief---R. L. Hopper.

Superintendent Fire Alarm—J. H. Holmes.
Steamer Company No. 1—R. D. Pegram, T. R. Holder.
Steamer Company No. 2—John H. Holmes, Geo. Shelton
Liberty Hose Company No. 3—J. W. Grubbs, J. A. McGee.
Hook and Ladder Company No. 1—A. E. Liepfert, John M. May.

WILSON.

Hose Company No. 3—Not represented.

H. E. KING,
CHAS. SCHNIBBENS,
L. H. LUMSDEN,
W. A. BROWN,
A. B. HORNEY,
Committee.

President McNeill :

You have heard the report of the Committee on Credentials. The Chairman asks if there are any departments who have not handed in their credentials ; if there are any present whose names have not been called, and who have not handed in their credentials, it is necessary that they hand them in now.

Chief Clark :

I will ask if our fire commissioner is not entitled to be represented here as a delegate ; he is ex-officio a member.

President McNeill :

If he is a delegate he has the right to be here, but as fire commissioner that does not give him any special privilege.

Kinston :

The superintendent of the water works is left out.

President McNeill :

Is he present ?

Kinston :

No, sir.

President McNeill :

Any other department not calleb ?
Wilson Hose Company No. 3.

President McNeill :

You can hand them in now.

It is regularly moved and seconded that they be allowed to file credentials now. Motion carried.

President McNeill:

Any other credentials? (No answer.)

President McNeill:

All in favor of adopting the report of the Committee on Credentials, make it known by saying aye. Motion carried.

A recess of 5 minutes is taken for the purpose of distributing delegates' badges.

At the end of recess the Chairman called for the reading of the minutes of the previous business meeting.

Chief Bernard:

I called for that this morning and it was thought best to dispense with the reading of the minutes in regnlar order so as to give the members opportunity to look over the minutes between then and the evening session and either approve or disapprove them.

President McNeill:

The next order of business is the collection of dues.

President McNeill:

Report of officers The Treasurer has asked me to allow his report to be read first, as he has sickness at home and he ought to leave on the afternoon train. Therefore, I will have the Treasurer's report read first in courtesy to him so that he can go back to Winston without delay. The Treasurer's report is now ordered.

Treasurer's report is read, and is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Gentlemen, I beg to hand you my report for the fiscal year ending July 25, 1910.

RELIEF FUND.

Receipts.

July 5, 1909—Balance on hand	$ 90.76
Dec. 3, 1909—Received from Hon B R. Lacy, State Treas annual appropriation for 1909-1910	1,875.00
	$1,965 76

Disbursements.

	Vouchers	Amount.
Charlotte	3	$ 138.00
Durham	1	60.00
Salem	1	16.00

Spencer	1	20.00
Salisbury	1	300.00
Wilmington	1	70.00
		$604.00
Dep. in Wach. National Bank		500.00
Dep. in Cumberland S. & T. Co.		500.00
Treasurer's Salary		150.00
Peoples Print Shop		166.95
		$1,920.95
Balance		44.81

We have on deposit in Fourth National Bank	$ 500.00
Peoples Saving Bank	500.00
Cumberland S. & T. Co.	500.00
Wach. National Bank	500.00
Peoples Saving Bank	500.00
Total	$2,500.00

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

July, 1909—Balance on hand	$ 781.64
10 per cent. of Relief Fund	30.40
J. L. Miller, Secretary	1,089.16
Interest from deposits	75.54
Transferred from Relief Fund, (Treas. salary)	150.00
Transferred from Relief Fund (Printing)	166.95
Total	$2,293.69

Disbursements.

A. H. Boyden, expenses	$ 41.00
J. F. Tayloe, expenses	10.20
W. H. Daniels, expenses	30.00
S. G. Bernard, expenses	22.45
M. J. O'Neill, expenses	28.60
W. P. Munroe, expenses	10.75
W. P. Munroe, salary	25.00
R B. Hampton, Electric Starter	25.00
Peoples Print Shop	172.20
R. C. Taylor, expenses	19.35
R. C. Taylor, salary	150.00
J. L. Miller, salary	150.00

J. L. Miller, expenses	81 30	
J. D. McNeill, expenses	110.40	
J. D. McNeill, salary	150.00	
	$1,026.25	
Balance		$1,267.44

President McNeill:

You have heard the report of the Treasurer; it is proper that it be sent to the Auditing Committee.

The report of the Secretary is called for and read, as follows:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Gentlemen:

I herewith hand you my report as Secretary for the year just ending.

The organization and its membership consists of 99 companies, 1164 men, 44 chiefs, 33 assistant chiefs, 6 superintendents of fire alarms, 12 superintendents of water works and 3 chairmen of fire committees, representing 49 cities as follows:

Cities.	Companies.	Men.
Asheville	3	36
Biltmore	1	14
Benson	1	8
Burlington	1	18
Charlotte	3	24
Concord	3	23
Chapel Hill	2	20
Clinton	1	
Chestnut Hill	1	16
Dunn	2	23
Durham	4	39
Elizabeth City	1	15
Edenton	3	32
Fayetteville	2	18
Freemont	1	28
Graham	2	24
Greensboro	5	69
Gastonia	1	14
Greenville	1	32
Goldsboro	3	38

Henderson	1	9
Hickory	2	19
High Point	3	54
Kinston	1	28
Louisburg	2	29
Lexington	1	20
Lenoir	1	14
Monroe	2	53
Morganton	3	34
Mount Airy	1	12
New Berne	2	24
Oxford	1	20
Rocky Mount	1	25
Raleigh	4	
Reidsville	1	
Red Springs	1	
Rockingham	1	19
Salem	2	31
Salisbury	3	18
Sanford	1	14
Spencer	2	24
Statesville	1	13
Southern Pines	3	16
Tarboro	1	25
Washington	5	62
Wilmington	5	37
Winston	4	37
Wilson	1	8
Warrenton	1	
	99	1164

I have collected the following amounts for the years 1909 and 1910, from the following cities:

1909	Per Capita Tax.
Durham Fire Department	$ 8.50
Dunn Fire Department	13.00
Salem Fire Department	.50
Rockingham Fire Department	15.00
Washington Fire Department	6.50
High Point Fire Department	.50
Winston Fire Department	.50
Charlotte Fire Department	8.50

Lenoir Fire Department	13.50	
J. L. Cottrell	.50	
Durham Fire Department	.50	
Mt. Airy Fire Department	13.00	
Winston Fire Department	1.00	
Washington Fire Department	.50	
1910.		
Asheville Fire Department	20.00	
Biltmore Fire Department	10.00	
Burlington Fire Department	12.00	
Charlotte Fire Department	14.00	
Concord Fire Department	12.50	
Chapel Hill Fire Department	11.00	
Chestnut Hill Fire Department	10.00	
Dunn Fire Department	14.50	
Durham Fire Department	21.50	
Elizabeth City Fire Department	10.50	
Fayetteville Fire Department	7 50	
Freemont Fire Department	21.00	
Graham Fire Department	8.00	
Greensboro Fire Department	36.50	
Goldsboro Fire Department (two years)	46.00	
Henderson Fire Department	5.50	
Hickory Fire Department	12.50	
High Point Fire Department	29.00	
Louisburg Fire Department	14.50	
Lenoir Fire Department	8.50	
Monroe Fire Department	30.00	
Mt. Airy Fire Department	8.00	
Morganton Fire Department (1909)	9.00	
New Berne Fire Department	13.00	
Oxford Fire Department	12.00	
Rocky Mount Fire Department	14.50	
Salem Fire Department	17.50	
Salisbury Fire Department	11.00	
Sanford Fire Department	8.00	
Spencer Fire Department	15.00	
Statesville Fire Department	9.50	
Southern Pines Fire Department	10.00	
Tarboro Fire Department	15.50	
Washington Fire Department	18.00	
Wilmington Fire Department	20.50	
Winston Fire Department	37.50	
		$655.50

1909. **Relief Fund.**

Washington Fire Department	6.85
Goldsboro Fire Department	7.60
Louisburg Fire Department	1.90
Henderson Fire Department (two years)	7.71
Greensboro Fire Department	12.69
Tarboro Fire Department	5.82
Marion Fire Department	1.44

1910.

Fayetteville Fire Department	6.44	
Asheville Fire Department	21.63	
Hickory Fire Department	3.54	
Oxford Fire Department	4.53	
Statesville Fire Department	5.10	
Benson Fire Department	.36	
Spencer Fire Department	.86	
Kinston Fire Department	6.05	
Wilmington Fire Department	35.69	
Salem Fire Department	4.36	
Morganton Fire Department	3.62	
Greenville Fire Department	4.97	
Fayetteville Fire Department	7.40	
Winston Fire Department	24.34	
Tarboro Fire Department	4.67	
Washington Fire Department	11.33	
Goldsboro Fire Department	9.41	
Reidsville Fire Department	5.26	
Concord Fire Department (two years)	9.27	
Greensboro Fire Department	15.00	
Oxford Fire Department	4.66	
Charlotte Fire Department (two years)	62.67	
Winston Fire Department	24.33	
Hickory Fire Department	3.05	
Henderson Fire Department	4.40	
Kinston Fire Department	6.45	
Salem Fire Department	2.07	
Elizabeth City Fire Department (two years)	19.32	
Gastonia Fire Department	2.55	
Southern Pines Fire Department	.82	
Statesville Fire Department	6.00	
Raleigh Fire Department (three years)	34.50	
		$398.66

Collected From Advertisers.

Fabric Fire Hose Company	10.00		
Samuel Eastman	5.00		
Sea-Graves Company	10.00		
Webb Motor Company	5.00		
George C. Hale	5.00		
		$ 35.00	$1,089.16

I hold the treasurer's receipts for the above amounts.

I have drawn the following warrants on the General Fund amounting to $709.30.

Hon. A. H. Boyden, expenses legislative committee meeting	16.00
R. B. Hampton, electric starter, Asheville	25.00
Jno L. Miller, starting contests	25.00
W. P. Monroe, statistician, stamps and envelopes	30.00
Hon. A. H. Boyden, vice-pres., expenses to 1909 meeting	25.00
Jno. L. Miller, secretary, expenses 1909 meeting	24.25
R. C. Taylor, treasurer, expenses to 1909 meeting	19.35
Jas. D. McNeill, president, expenses to 1909 meeting	37.05
Jos. F. Taylor, railroad fare, hotel bills, insurance com., M. R.	10.20
S. G. Bernard, railroad fare, hotel bills, insurance com., M. R.	22.45
Jas. D. McNeill, president, salary, quarter ending Oct. 1, 1909	37 50
R. C. Taylor, treasurer, salary, quarter ending Oct. 1, 1909	37.50
Jno. L. Miller, secretary, salary quarter ending Oct. 1, 1909	37.50
W. H. Daniels, stenographer, Asheville meeting	30.00
M. J. O'Neil, expense legislation	28.60
Peoples Print Shop, printing proceedings, 1909	166.95
Jno. L. Miller, secretary, expressage, postage, etc.	25.30
Jas. D. McNeill, president, salary, quarter ending Jan. 1, 1910	37.50
R. C. Taylor, treasurer, salary, quarter ending Jan. 1, 1910	37.50
Jno. L. Miller, secretary, salary, quarter ending April 1, 1910	37.50
Jas. D. McNeill, president, salary, quarter ending April 1, 1910	37.50
R. C. Taylor, treasurer, salary, quarter ending April 1, 1910	37.50
Jno. L. Miller, secretary, salary, quarter ending April 1, 1910	37.50
Peoples Print Shop, envelopes, post cards, etc	5.25
W. P. Monroe, statistician, printing records and envelopes	5.75
Jas. D. McNeill, pres., railroad fare, hotel bills and printing	73.35
Jas. D. McNeill, pres., salary to July 1, 1910	37.50
R. C. Taylor, treasurer, salary to July 1, 1910	37 50
Jno. L. Miller, secretary, salary to July 1, 1910	37.50
Jno. L. Miller, secretary, printing, stamps, etc	6.75
	$1,026.25

Less printing proceedings	166.95	
Lass treasurer's salary	150-00	
		316.95
		$ 709 30

I have drawn warrants on the Relief Fund as follows, amounting to $1,020.95.

J. T. Manies, Charlotte	23.00
W. S. Orr, Chief, Charlotte	60.00
F. H. Hemrick, Salem	16.00
Jas. R. Hill, Wilmington	70.00
W. F. Simpson, Charlotte	40.00
Arthur Sweat, Spencer	20.00
T. B. Edwards, Durham	60.00
R. W. Hawkins, Asheville	16.00
D. M. Styron, New Bern	14.00
Arthur Sweat, Spencer	20.00
S. B. Nash, Louisburg	10.00
Mrs. R. H. Pender, Salisbury	300.00
E. A. Hull, Mt. Airy	40.00
Peoples Print Shop, printing proceedings	166.95
Treasurer's salary for one year	150.00
	$1,020.95

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. L. MILLER, Secretary.

We, your Auditing Committee, have examined the Secretary and Treasurer's books and find them correct.

Respectfully,
JOS. F. TAYLOE,
N. B. WILSON, } Committee.
J. N. THOMAS.

July 26, 1910.

Chief Tayloe:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the report of the Treasurer and the report of the Secretary both be referred to the Auditing Committee.

Motion seconded and carried.

The chair appoints the following as Auditing Committee: Tayloe of Washington, Wilson of Asheville, and Thomas of Tarboro.

I notice that in reading the Secretary's report the per capita tax from Kinston was not read.

Secretary Miller:

It was paid and receipt given, July 23, and the report will give it next year.

Chief Turner:

Please turn back to the report and see if there was a warrant issued to S. B. Nash; it was a disability claim.

The Secretary:

A warrant was issued and referred to President McNeill, and it was referred to your Louisburg committee.

Chairman McNeill:

Was the claim paid?

The Treasurer:

No sir, I never received the warrant.

President McNeill:

The warrant is still outstanding, and if it was paid by the Louisburg board it should be returned. I wish to explain to the members that the per capita tax has nothing to do with the insurance fund. That is for business expenses; to pay the expenses of your legislative committee, printing bills, salaries, etc.

Chief O'Neil:

If a man has paid his 50 cents is he entitled to the benefits of insurance?

President McNeill:

Yes sir, if he has paid his per capita tax. At the Asheville convention, it was provided that that should be paid out of the local fund. You will find from the President's report that that matter was to be taken up and definitely settled at this convention. It was only partially settled at Asheville. Every man who has paid his per capita tax is entitled to insurance, but it should be taken from the special fund and not from the general fund. If you did not have the per capita tax you would have nothing with which to run your conventions, and it furnishes a revenue to pay your running expenses, and the payment of this tax is a purely business obligation.

Chief Turner:

In appropriating for the firemen's relief the one-half per cent. do they cut down our appropriation when we get this money from the members?

President McNeill:

The State Treasurer ruled that we did not. I went to see him about that very matter, and he ruled it did not; I showed him there were a large number of departments in North Carolina where the one-half per cent. did not amount to a ballahoo. Some that took the one-half per cent. turned in as low as 20 cents a year, and I showed him that if that was reduced the small departments would be deprived of any benefit, and be unable to take care of injured men. Now gentlemen, my report is

before you and I ask that the matter be discussed in a business like way by the convention. It is proper for me to say right here that I recommend that the per capita tax be cut down from 50 cents to 25 cents because you do not want the money now, and if we do not need it it would be better to leave it in the hands of our members some of whom may need it, and I would suggest that it be cut to 25 cents, if in your judgement you do not see fit to cut it out altogether.

Chief Douglass:

What head are we working under?

President McNeil:

We are working under the head of "Report of Officers", and this question came up under that head, the report of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Chief Douglass:

I want a ruling of the Chairman as to whether I shall bring up under this head, or the head of "Miscellaneous Business", two claims that were sent in by Greensboro and disallowed, and I wish to appeal from that decision.

President McNeil:

That should come under the head of "Miscellaneous Business".

Vice-President Bernard:

I also want to call attention to the claim of R. W. Hawkins, which appears in the report of the Secretary.

The report of the president is read, as follows:

Fayetteville, N. C., July 26, 1910.

To the Officers and Members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

My Friends and Gentlemen:

Again I find it my duty to hand you herewith my report as your Chief Executive, covering such matters and making such recommendations as I deem worthy of your consideration.

The action of our last convention at Asheville providing that all local claims should be paid from the local funds by the local board of trustees, upon the same rules and regulations as have hitherto prevailed, quite naturally relieved my office of the auditing and disbursing work as before, leaving to me, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, the duty of auditing such claims only as should be paid from towns and cities where there was either no fund at all or the local fund had been exhausted.

I would recommend the appointment of a special committee at this season to report upon and recommend a detailed and comprehensive set of rules to govern the various local boards in their disbursements, as per

Section —— of the Relief Fund Act. At the Asheville convention a special committee was appointed to take up the matter of the organization of a Firemen's Fire Insurance Company for North Carolina. This committee will make its report to the convention in detail.

It gives me pleasure to report a continued and increasing interest in our State organization by the public generally, as well as by the firemen themselves. We rank among the foremost of such associations in the nation, and our success has been, and is, an inspiration for the firemen of other States.

Our work is indeed a noble and patriotic one, and we should always be found using our utmost endeavors, both to improve our service and also to make our calling as attractive to its members as it is dangerous and hazardous to their health, comfort and lives.

Let us congratulate you upon being the guests of the warm-hearted people of this historic old city. Its two hundred years of experience in extending the glad hand of friendship to the stranger within its gates has but made it the more perfect in its hospitable treatment of its visitors. I predict for you a most pleasant, profitable and enjoyable annual event. We may be a little crowded, but will be equally warmly welcomed.

My comrades, I have answered every roll call since our first convention up to today. For sixteen years I have presided over your deliberations, and as your Chief Executive have guided the footsteps of your organization. I have tried to do my duty and you have made it pleasant for me to do so. You have honored me to the full limit. Whenever you see proper to name my successor I will be glad to give to him my most loyal support. I want this clearly understood.

Our future is assured, and it only remains for us all to be true to our obligations, our organization, and to ourselves, to continue to be looked upon as the main safeguard, protector and preserver of the lives, homes, property, prosperity and happiness of all the people in this good old North State of ours.

Thanking you all for the very many courtesies and kindnesses that you have so generously bestowed upon me in the past, and assuring you of my grateful appreciation of the same, I am,

Fraternally, yours to command,

JAS. D. MCNEILL,

Pres. N. C. State Firemen's Association.

President McNeil:

I wish to add to that report that if the local fund is exhausted they can draw upon the general fund. Now, gentlemen, this question of finances was a very serious one. When I became your chairman, and had charge of the organization the first two or three years we got badly in debt, the organization was overwhelmingly in debt. Through the exer-

tions of your committee we had a legislative enactment providing for a Relief Fund, which brought money into the association. At that time the per capita tax was a necessary appropriation to provide ways and means of carrying on our organization; by it the expenses of your officers were provided, and your legislative committee, and we were able to do the work that has made the organization what it is. When this relief fund was passed taxing the insurance companies, giving you this money for your disabled fireman, I had a provision inserted that 5 per cent. of this relief fund sh uld be sent to the Secretary and Treasurer for the same purpose exactly that the original 50 cents was intended for. The report of your Treasurer shows that your General Fund is in splendid condition; that you do not need the 50 cents per capita now; the annual appropriations have risen from $875 to $7,000 or $8,000 a year, and there is about $15,000 on hand with the local trustees subject to check, and you are well provided to take care of dependent mothers, sisters and children, and to safeguard you against becoming public charges. You older members know, but the younger members have not the same knowledge, that the statement I am going to make is of vital importance to the organization, and for their best interests, and I recommend to you as business men that you give the question your best thought as to whether we shall keep up the per capita tax or not for another year, whether the rules and regulations governing payments shall prevail for the next twelve months; whether you shall make it less or whether there shall be appropriated the same per centage from the General Fund, the Special Fund, or what. I want you to take this matter up and work it out for yourself, it is your money and for your protection in case of sickness or death. I ask that a special committee be appointed to take up this matter and report something satisfactory for us to do for the next twelve months.

Cheif O'Neil:

I move the endorsement of the President's report and that it be placed on file. Carried.

The Chairman:

You wish that a committee be appointed by the chair?

Delegate:

I move that a committee be appointed to report on the matter of distributing the Relief Fund, as suggested by President McNeill.

Motion seconded and carried.

The following committee is appointed to report their recommendation as to future disbursements, or future payments of claims against the Relief Fund of the association. Also, whether the revenue of the association should be cut down or not by reducing the per capita tax half, or doing away with it altogether:

THURMAN, Rocky Mount.

HORNER, High Point.
BAIN, Greensboro.
ARTHUR, Raleigh.

Report of Statistician is called for and read as follows:

STATISTICIAN'S REPORT.

MR PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION:

Twenty-six cities, towns and villages have reported to me as having organized fire departments and from the figures given by them the tabulated statement herewith submitted is made up and constitutes with this summary my report as Statistician from June 1, 1909, to June 1, 1910.

The cost of maintaining the fire service was $116,808 63, while the amount invested in fire department property, exclusive of water supply, is $405,021.

There are in use in the several departments: Steam engines, 20; gasoline engines, 2; chemical engines, 4; hand engines, 2; hose carts, 60; feet of hose 73,.050; hook and ladder trucks, 17; paid men, 136; volunteers, 860; combination hose wagons, 18.

Of the 703 fires reported the causes are given as follows: Supposed incendiary, 11; defective chimneys, 95; lamp explosions, 18; other explosions, 12; children with matches, 6; matches and rats, 8; spontaneous combustion, 8; accidental, 3; carelessness, 28; overheating, 17; electric wires, 10; lightning, 4; fireworks, 3; sparks from chimneys, 117; sparks from locomotives, 9; other known causes, 96; unknown causes, 155; total, 703.

Losses paid by insurance companies, $208,544.73.

With the highest hopes for the future success of our association, I am,

Fraternally yours,

W. P. MONROE, Statistician.

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1910.

TOWNS AND CITIES	Population	Assessed Value of Property	Annual Cost of Fire Department	Value of Fire Dept. Property Exclusive of Water Supply	System of Water Works	Are Water Works Owned by City	If Water Works No. of Hydrants	No. of Steam Engines	No. of Hand Engines	No. Gasoline Engines	No. Chemical Engines	No. Combination Wagons	No. Hose Carts	No. Hose Companies	No. H. and L. Companies	No. Paid Men	No. Volunteers	No. Feet of Hose
Asheville	24,800	10,870	14,000.00	22,000	gravity	yes	115	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	4	32	5000
Burlington	7,500	2,700	850.00	3,010	water works	yes	...	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	...	1	20	2700
Charlotte	45,000	16,000	24,000.00	52,000	water works	yes	286	2	..	..	..	3	2	3	1	18	..	5600
Clinton	1,200	550	600.00	3,000	cisterns	yes	...	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	..	2	25	1000
Chapel Hill	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...
Concord	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	...
Durham	26,000	15,711,778	11,355.00	42,000	gravity	no	190	1		..	..	2	..	2	1	14	16	6400
Dunn	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	...
Elizabeth City	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	.	...	...	...	..	...
Edenton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	...
Fayetteville	12,000	3,000,000	1,800 00	5,000	water works	yes	85	1	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	3	30	2500
Greensboro	30,000	...	5,000.00	...	water works	yes	125	2	..	..	..	1	1	4	1	6	77	5000
Greenville	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	.	..	...	...	...	..	...
Graham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	...
Goldsboro	12,000	4,500,000	6,000.00	20,000	water works	yes	100	1	..	..	..	..	4	3	1	6	36	2500
Gastonia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	...
Henderson	7,000	1,750,000	1,000.00	...	gravity	no	83	..	..	..	..	1	5	3	1	1	50	3600
Hickory	6,000	...	900.00	5,850	water works	yes	88	..	..	.	..	2	3	2	...	1	21	2000
High Point	12,000	2,000,000	1,520.38	22,711	gravity	yes	...	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	...	3	52	2500
Kinston	8,000	2,725,110	2,300.00	6,700	water works	yes	87	1	.	.	..	2	2	1	1	1	44	2200
Louisburg	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...
Monroe	5,000	1,750,000	750.00	6,000	direct pres	yes	42	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	1	...	60	2000

FIRE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1910.—Cont'd.

TOWNS AND CITIES	Population	Assessed Value of Property	Annual Cost of Fire Department	Value of Fire Dept. Property Exclusive of Water Supply	System of Water Works	Are Water Works Owned by City	If Water Works No. of Hydrants	No. of Steam Engines	No. of Hand Engines	No. Gasoline Engines	No. Chemical Engines	No. Combination Wagons	No. Hose Carts	No. Hose Companies	No. H. and L. Companies	No. Paid Men	No. Volunteers	No. Feet of Hose
Morehead City.	2,300	468,727.49	100.00	4,550	wells	yes	....	..	1	1	..	..	2	2	...	1	.....	1350
Morganton	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	.	..	...	...	.....	....
New Bern.....	16,000	....	.....	.....	water works	yes	103	2	..	...	..	..	4	3	1	7	40	3000
Oxford.....	4,000	2,000,000	900.00	4,000	wells	yes	63	..	..	..	..	1	2	2	1	1	55	1600
Raleigh.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	..	..	..	..	.	..	..	...	.....	...	....
Rocky Mount..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	....
Salem.....	.....	2,300,000	800.00	8,700	water works	yes	84	2	..	..	..	..	2	2	...	.....	44	1600
Salisbury.....	14,000	3,750,000	2,310.00	14,000	water works	yes	123	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	2	18	3500
Reidsville . .	6,000	.....	900.00	9,000	stand pipe	yes	80	1	..	..	..	1	2	1	...	.....	10	1600
Sanford	3,000	899,153.23	250.00	3,000	stand pipe	yes	48	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	...	15	2000
Spencer	4,000	.....	200.00	2,000	gravity	no	47	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	...	.....	28	1500
Statesville.....	...	900,000	.....	....	.....	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	....	...	....
Southern Pines	1,000	.....	400.00	2,000	tank	yes	40	..	1	..	..	..	2	2	1	20	25	1300
Tarboro	5,000	500,000	1,043.34	82,000	water works	yes	42	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	1	29	2000
Washington.....	.....	1,900,000	...	.....	.....	....	....	..	..	.	..	..	...	...	.	...	...	....
Winston.....	20,000	.....	10,390.91	25,000	stand pipe	yes	105	2		..	..	..	4	4	2	7	110	3900
Wilson.....	...	9,301,396	.....	..	.....	....	....	..	..	.	..	.	.	...	...	...	..	...
Wilmington	45,000	13,000	30,000.00	60,000	water works	yes	....	4	..	..	1	3	3	3	1	37	...	6000
Biltmore	300	.....	.....	2,500	gravity	yes	13	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	...	...	25	800
						Totals	1949	20	2	2	4	18	60	54	17	136	860	73050

Record of Fires from June 1st, 1909 to May 31st, 1910

TOWNS AND CITIES	Value of Buildings Where Fires Occurred	Value of Contents	Total Value of Property at Risk	Insurance on Buildings	Insurance on Contents	Total Insurance	Total Loss on Buildings	Total Loss on Contents	TOTAL	Total Loss Paid by Insurance Companies	ORIGIN OF FIRES: Other Explosions	Supposed Incendiary	Defective Flues or Chimneys	Lamp Explosions	Children and Matches	Rats and Matches	Spontaneous Combustion	Accidental	Carelessness	Overheating	Electric Wires	Lightning	Fireworks	Sparks from Chimney	Sparks from Locomotive	Other Known Causes	Unknown	TOTAL
Asheville	146,400	17,305	217,705	105,250	37,850	143,100	8,985	2,345	11,330																			82
Burlington	1,750	,400	2,150				1,750	,400	2,150	,510																	2	2
Charlotte	1,450,225	696,679	2,746,904	778,600	420,054	1,199,654	37,472	43,942	81,414	69,510	2		15	7	1	1			10	8	4	2		40		35	40	169
Clinton																												
Chapel Hill																												
Concord																												
Durham	258,770	158,235	417,005	134,010	89,500	223,510	13,121	24,586	37,708				15	2		2			5		1	1		3	4	5	16	54
Dunn																												
Elizabeth City																												
Edenton																												
Fayetteville	22,900		22,900	13,600		13,600	3,785		3,785	3,785		4	8				1							7			12	32
Greensboro		49,926	1,114,250	20,366	14,250	11,920	12,745	11,920	24,665																			
Greenville																												
Graham																												
Goldsboro	46,025	29,020	75,045	27,350	15,000	42,350	10,044	7,985	18,029				4			2	2				2				1		15	26
Gastonia																												
Henderson	14,525	15,330	29,855	5,000	2,315	7,315	8,336	4,575	12,911			1	1		1				1	1	1			2		6	1	15
Hickory	14,285	11,830	26,115	6.400	5,750	12,150	1,562	,884	2,446	,616			3		1	2		1	2					2			1	12
High Point	16,085	4,707	20,792	5,600	3,525	9,125	1,948	1,920	3,868			3	2						2					1		5	2	15
Kinston	19,400	23,225	46,625	20,175	12,000	32,175	6,475	5,525	12,000		2		3						1					3			3	15
Louisburg																												

Record of Fires from June 1st, 1909 to May 31st, 1910—Continued.

TOWNS AND CITIES	Value of Buildings Where Fires Occurred	Value of Contents	Total Value of Property at Risk	Insurance on Buildings	Insurance on Contents	Total Insurance	Total Loss on Buildings	Total Loss on Contents	TOTAL	Total Loss Paid by Insurance Companies	ORIGIN OF FIRES: Other Explosions	Supposed Incendiary	Defective Flues or Chimneys	Lamp Explosions	Children and Matches	Rats and Matches	Spontaneous Combustion	Accidental	Carelessness	Overheating	Electric Wires	Lightning	Fireworks	Sparks from Chimney	Sparks from Locomotive	Other Known Causes	Unknown	TOTAL
Monroe	25,000	38,000	63,000	19,500	16,000	35,500	3,000	11,000	14,000	19,000		1	1		1				1	2				2	1		3	13
Morehead City	,550	,250													1													1
Morganton																												
New Bern	17,025	4,225	21,250	8,539	1,975	10,514	10,175	2,800	12,975	23,489			4	2	1									1			7	15
Oxford	6,100	2,300	6,400	1,550	1,000	2,550	,650	42,500	1,075			1				1								2				4
Raleigh																												
Rocky Mount																												
Salem							3,900										1							3	1		3	8
Salisbury	53,475	75,515	128,990	23,750	33,175	56,925	5,704	24,069	29,775				4				1			1				9		5	10	44
Sanford	7,150	9,175	16,325	3,525	62,500	4,150	1,370	1,285	6,805	1,780		1	1				1					1		1		1	3	9
Spencer	20,000	8,000	25,000	5.000	1,800	6,800	3,000	,800	3,800				2														2	4
Statesville																												
Southern Pines																												
Tarboro	5,725	4,800	10,525				,750	1,800	2,550										3						1		1	51
Washington																												
Winston	123,575	212,695	336,270	85,850	30,275	116,125	23,740	37,300	61,045				8	1					1	1	1					4	20	36
Wilson																												
Wilmington	569,625	327,950	887,575	459,195	246,305	705,500	40,228	54,110	94,339	87,564	8		22	6			1	1		4	1		3	40		34	12	132
Biltmore																									1		1	2
Reidsville	18,020	5,390	23,410	9,350	2,700	35,460	,710	1,570	37,740	2,280			2				1	1	2					1			2	9

Moved and seconded that the report be received and printed in the record; carried.

Report of committee on Insurance Company is read, as follows:

REPORT OF INSURACNE COMPANY COMMITTEE.

At the 1909 convention of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, held at Asheville, the question of a Fire Insurance Company, to be controlled in its business management by the firemen of North Carolina, was left to a special committee to thoroughly investigate and determine the practicability, the advisability and expediency of establishing such an organization among the firemen and their friends in North Carolina.

The committee, consisting of Jas. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville; S. G. Bernard, of Asheville; J. A. Turner, of Louisburg; Robert Douglas, of Greensboro, and Joe F. Tayloe, of Wilmington, met in Raleigh on August 5th. After a full investigation and examination of the reports of similar organizations, on file in the Insurance Commissioner's office, and also, after a full consideration of the situation from every standpoint, both for and against the proposition, they unanimously decided to perfect such an organization at once. They were guided to this decision to a large extent by the favorable reports made by our State companies to the Insurance Commissioner.

To Messrs. Bernard and Douglas was appointed the work of drawing up a charter for the company, and Mr. Turner of the committee was authorized to place the stock among the firemen of the State. This he did to a limited extent among some of the Eastern Departments, but owing to private business matters he was compelled to delay the work until at the January meeting of the committee. President McNeill was requested to visit the leading departments of the State and present the propositlon from a business standpoint. This he did in January and February. Quite a lot of the stock was subscribed for, but at the March meeting it was found that a majority of the stock had not been taken by the active firemen of the State, and though propositions from responsible parties were presented to finance the company, from business men, it was deemed best to still delay the business organization until the firemen could again be appealed to. A temporary organization was therefore gone into, and the company now stands ready for further subscriptions to the stock.

It is now up to the firemen of the State to give the company their support or to say what the future shall be.

Respectfully,

JAS. D. MCNEILL,
S. G. BERNARD,
J. A. TURNER,
R. D. DOUGLAS,
JOE F. TAYLOE.

Vice President Bernard:

This report, gentlemen, embodies practically what was done by your committee. We investigated and found by the profits made by other companies that it was a good business proposition. We undertook to float the stock among the firemen of the State. The firemen were either unable or unwilling to subscribe for anything except we guaranteed the management of the company by the firemen. After we met this year a proposition was made to us at Raleigh by financiers to take every dollars worth of stock we didn't want. Your committee was opposed to any outsider owning a majority of the stock and controlling the company Now, I have gone into this thing because I felt that there was an opportunity for the firemen of North Carolina, but if you do not want it, I don't want it. It does not make any difference to me, but I believe it to be a good business proposition.

At the request of the chairman the vice-president takes the chair.

President McNeill:

I wish to express my sentiments along the same lines, as I believe the fire insurance business in North Carolina is the most profitable business that a man could enter into. The company we propose is a legitimate fire insurance company, and to be placed on a money making basis. If I had the time I could show you instances of the value of the stock of the fire insurance companies; one company, for instance: Their stock was originally sold for $10 a share, and it is now worth not less than $1500, and they will pay 70 per cent dividends at this time. Now, I put in my time and money in visiting the various departments where I was enthusiastically and most pleasantly received, and they were in favor of the proposition, and looked upon it as a good business proposition, and in some instances stock was subscribed and 10 per cent. of the purchase paid down, and it is now on deposit in the National Bank of Fayetteville, ready to be used as capital for the insurance company if the requisite number of shares are subscribed for, or ready to be returned if you decide to give it up. I told your committee when asked to visit the towns of the State that I would do so at my own expense. I gave them my time and expected for the payment of the money I had advanced for railroad fare, hotel bills, etc., to take it out in stock of the company. I paid out, as my expense account will show, something over $500 in promoting the company. I did this in the interest of the firemen of this State. I thought, and still think, it was a good opportunity to invest your money in an enterprise that will be a good dividend payer. As Vice-President Bernard says, it is up to the firemen to say whether they want to subscribe in the stock of the company or not. It looks today as though I would be the only loser. I did not need any help, but it was done with the honest, earnest desire to promote the interest of you men,

as I have done for the past eighteen years, trying to be your best friend. (Applause.)

President McNeill resumes the chair:

The report is before the house. Think about it and we will bring it up at the evening session for some official disposition of it.

Chief Douglas:

As a member of that committee I do not know that I have anything to add to the remarks already made, except it might be well to say that if the members here are not going to decide to carry it on unless the body here as a whole wants it. This is going to have nothing to do whatever with the State Firemen's Association. How much has been subscribed.

President McNeill:

As far as I can tell you now, about $12,000, leaving about $13,000 to $14,000 to be subscribed. Ten per cent. of the subscription is paid down and the balance when organized. The ten per cent. is paid down as evidence of good faith. The purpose is to organize as a State insurance company, the stockholders of which are members of the State Firemen's Association, but in no official manner connected with that organization.

Vice-President Bernard:

I wish to say that Hawkins never received the $16.00 mentioned in the report. The facts are these:—prior to the last meeting at Asheville he was badly hurt and was put to bed and kept there several days. I spoke to the secretary about it, and he claimed it was after the Asheville meeting, but Mr. Hawkins never got the voucher.

President McNeill:

May I ask who is the chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Vice-President Bernard:

J. E. Hawkins; he received the money from the local board.

President McNeill:

Did I send in a voucher. Where is the voucher?

Vice-President Bernard:

I don't know, we never received any.

President McNeill:

It was evidently lost in the mail, or elsewhere, and I would like authority to issue a duplicate.

Motion made, seconded and carried.

President McNeill:

The next order of business is the report of the Board of Trustees. Under the law there is to be made a report of the Board of Trustees annually and reported to this convention, and I trust every department has a financial report of its board of trustees. The Secretary will call the roll of the Board of Trustees.

It is moved that the reading of the reports be omitted and reported at the next meeting.

President McNeill:

I am not going to read the reports, but call the roll of the Board of Trustees. I ask that the motion be withdrawn.

Motion withdrawn.

The Secretary:

I will call the roll of the cities and towns who made reports and then those who have not.

The Secretary calls the roll and the following Boards of Trustees answer and file their reports:

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL RELIEF COMMITTEE IN THE DIFFERENT TOWNS AND CITIES.

ASHEVILLE.

J. E. Rankin, Chairman; Wm. Francis, Secretary and Treasurer; S. G. Bernard, J. H. Wood, R. C. Stevens.

BILTMORE.

BURLINGTON.

B. M. Walker, Chairman; John T. Love, Secretary and Treasurer; W. P. Ireland, H. L. Fowler, Lynn B. Williamson.

BENSON.

CHARLOTTE.

P. M. Cone, Chairman; W. S. Orr, Thomas Griffith, J. W. Wallace; Geo. A. Page, Secretary and Treasurer.

CONCORD

Jno. L. Miller, Chairman; G. H. Rutledge, Secretary; L. T. Hartsell, Treasurer; M. L. Marsh, W. W. Flowe.

CHAPEL HILL.

CHESTNUT HILL.

CLINTON.

DUNN.

T. C. Young, J. C. Cox, H. C. McNeill.

DURHAM.

W. J. Griswold, Chairman; B. C. Cannada, A. N. Johnson, Secretary; I. B. Warren, G. W. Woodward.

ELIZABETH CITY.

Jos. H. Aydlett, Chairman; D. B. Bradford, Chas. Reid, F. M. Green, Glenn Daniels.

EDENTON.

FAYETTEVILLE.

Jas. D. McNeill, Chairman; R. G. Harrison, Secretary and Treasurer; Dr. J. V. McGougan, R. G. Haigh, C. L. Jones.

FREMONT.

GRAHAM.

GREENSBORO.

E. E. Bain, Chairman; E. L. Clarke, Secretary and Treasurer; W. L. Cranford, E. J. Mendenhall, J. I. Scales.

GOLDSBORO.

Walter Borden, Chairman; Horace King, Marcus Jones, W. J. Gibson; Lionel Weil, Treasurer.

GASTONIA.

B. H. Parker, J. M. Sloan, Thos. L. Craig, V. E. Long, S. S. Shuford.

GREENVILLE.

R. Williams, D. J. Wichard, W. S. Maye.

HENDERSON.

W. A. Hunt, Chairman; M. J. O'Neil, Secretary and Treasurer; H. T. Powell, J. T. Jones, Silas Powell.

HICKORY.

J. E. Haithcock, Chairman; J. A. Bowles, Secretary and Treasurer; A. C. Link, J. A. Lentz, J. D. Elliott.

HIGH POINT.

KINSTON.

E. B. Marston, E. V. Webb, L. O. Marley, E. T. Barrett, J. F. Tayloe.

LOUISBURG.

C. B. Cheatham, Chairman; Wm. H. Ruffin, Secretary and Treasurer; J. A. Turner, J. R. Cullie, D. C. Strickland.

LENOIR.

LEXINGTON.

MORGANTON.

MONROE.

R. A. Morrow, J. M. Belk, H. A. Shute, W. B. Houston, A. M. Crowell.

MOUNT AIRY.

NEW BERN.

OXFORD.

E. L. Parham, E. T. Crews, J. F. Edwards, W. H. Hunt, Z. W. Lyon.

RALEIGH.

Chas. U. Harris, Chairman; R. T. Gowan, Secretary and Treasurer; W. R. Macy, Walter Woolcott, James F. Jordan.

ROCKY MOUNT.

R. P. Lindsay, Chairman; J. J. Battle, W. S. Wilkinson; D. D. Daughtridge, R. L. Huffins.

REIDSVILLE.

E. F. Hall, Chairman; Wm. Williams, P. D. Watts, W. T. Wooton; Francis Womack, Secretary and Treasurer.

RED SPRINGS.

ROCKINGHAM.

SALEM.

SALISBURY.

SANFORD.

SPENCER.

STATESVILLE.

R. R. Clark, J. L. Sloan, J. E. Boyd, R. L. Flannigan, E. G. Gaither.

SOUTHERN PINES.

TARBORO.

Jno. A. Weddell, C. A. Johnson, G. A. Holderness, Geo. Howard, Ed. Penington.

WASHINGTON.

WILMINGTON.

Chas. Schnibbens, Chairman; W. A. French, Secretary; Chas. Evans, Treasurer; J. G. L. Griechen, F. A. Lord.

WINSTON.

R. C. Taylor, Chairman; C. M. Norfleet, Treasurer; R. L. Hopper, W. C. Wright, N. D. Dowdy.

WILSON.

Geo. Hackney, Chairman and Secretary and Treasurer; E. F. Killettee, T. A. Hinnant, E. F. Nadal, Geo. D. Greene.

WARRENTON.

President McNeil:

The law absolutely requires that these reports be made at the annual meeting of this Association, otherwise you are not entitled to any money and the money goes back as provided for in this legislative act.

President McNeill calls for reports. Goldsboro, High Point and Dunn ask for time to file their reports.

Moved and seconded that they be allowed ten days to make report. Amended to thirty days. Amendment carried.

It is moved and seconded that the Secretary get up a blank form for the trustees to make out their reports thereon, and send them to the different towns that have not reported. Carried.

The Secretary:

I don't think I have sense enough in my head to satisfy everybody; but I will do it if I am your secretary.

REPORT OF LOCAL RELIEF COMMITTEES.

ASHEVILLE.

Balance on hand reported at State Firemen's Convention held in Asheville July 6, 1909		$ 102.14
Received from Insurance Commissioner, June, 1909		432 55
Aug. 2, 1909—To S. G. Bernard, premium on treasurer's bond	5.00	
S. O. Bradley, 14 days, accident by being thrown against the rail on hook and ladder wagon while answering a fire call	28.00	
To Jesse M. Patton, 33 weeks sick benefit at $12.50 per week	412.50	
To Jno. L. Miller, Secretary State Firemen's Association, April 6, 1910, 5 per cent. on $432.55 for the year 1909	21 63	
Received from Insurance Commissioner May 2, 1910		600.08

Certificate of deposit (4 per cent) Battery Park Bank	600.08	
	$1,067.21	
Balance in bank subject to check	67.56	
	$1,134.77	$1,134.77

WM. FRANCIS, Secretary and Treasurer.

BURLINGTON.

The Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund of the Burlington Fire Department, of Burlington, make the following report:

Our Trustees are as follows: B. M. Walker, Chairman; John T. Love, Secretary and Treasurer; W. P. Ireland, H. L. Fowler, Lynn B. Williamson.

Received from James R. Young	$116.00
Paid J. L. Miller, Secretary State Associaiion	5.80
Balance on hand	$110.20

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. LOVE, Secretary.

CONCORD

The Board of Trustees of Firemen's Relief Fund of Concord make the following report:

Trustees: Jno. L. Miller, Chairman; G. H. Rutledge, Secretary; L. T. Hartsell, Treasurer; M. L. Marsh, W. W. Flowe.

July 1, 1909—Balance on hand		$ 81.25
July 10, 1909—Received from Insurance Commissioner		96.76
May 27, 1910—Received from Insurance Commissioner		88.58
June 9, 1910—Paid J. L. Miller, Secretary State Firemen's Association	$9.27	
Balance on hand		257.32

Respectfully submitted,

L. T. HARTSELL, Treasurer.

CHARLOTTE.

I herewith submit report of Board of Trustees of Firemen's Relief Fund of Charlotte.

Receipts.

July 6, 1909—Balance on hand as per last report	$ 512.19
July 13, 1909—Received from A. H. Wearn, city treasurer	570.22

Feb. 26, 1910—Interest	4.33
May 13, 1910—Received from A. H. Wearn, city treasurer	683.20
June 15, 1910—Interest	10.72
	1,780.66

Disbursements.

Oct. 9, 1909—To W. B. Glenn, injury to hand, 14 days	14.00
Oct. 9, 1909—To F. C. Spence, injury to hand, 14 days	14.00
Dec. 10, 1909—To A. E. Moody, injury received by overturning truck	20.00
Jan. 18, 1910—To Frank A. Orr, pneumonia contracted at fire	40.00
Feb. 10, 1910—To Geo. W. Spittle, severe cold contracted at fire	12.00
Feb. 26, 1910—To widow of John M. Davidson, deceased, death and funeral benefits	324.00
March 19, 1910—To F. L. Stutts, engineer, injury to hip	53.20
March 19, 1910—To W. A. Cruse, strained back	37.80
June 29, 1010—To J. L. Miller, secretary, 5 per cent. of $1,253.42	62.67
July 1, 1910—To W. H. Palmer, out 46 days, hospital and doctor bills	81.00
	658.67
Balance on hand July 6, 1910	1,121.99

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. A. PAGE,

Secretary and Treasurer for Board of Trustees.

DUNN.

Trustees:—T. C. Young, J. C. Cox, H. C. McNeill.

Money on hand		$106.74

DURHAM.

Trustees:—W. J. Griswold, Chairman; B. C. Cannady, A. N. Johnson, Secretary; J. B. Warren, G. W. Woodward.

Balance in bank July 1		$1,215.84
Paid J. L. Miller	26.86	
Leaving balance in bank		1,188.98

Yours very truly,

A. N. JOHNSON.

ELIZABETH CITY.

Report of Glen Daniels, Secretary and Treasurer of Board of Trustees of Firemen's Relief Fund for town of Elizabeth City, to North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Receipts.

Balance on hand last report	$ 198.86
July 7, 1909—Check from Insurance Commissioner	176.08
May 4, 1910—Check from Insurance Commissioner	210.44
	$ 585.38

Disbursements.

Sept. 29, 1910—To Victor M. Jenkins, disability claim	64 80
Jan. 5, 1910—To premium on Secretary and Treasurer's bond	5.00
June 29, 1910—To N. C. State Firemen's Association, 5 per cent. on $386.52	19.32
	89.12
Balance on hand	496.26

GLEN DANIELS, Secretary and Treasurer.

FAYETTEVILLE.

Statement of the Firemen's Relief Fund, Fayetteville.

July 1, 1909—Balance in bank	$ 133.53
July 28, 1909—Amount deposited	110.97
May 6, 1910—Amount deposited	148.00
Interest	10.97

Disbursements.

Feb. 17, 1910—Five per cent. to J. L. Miller	6.44
May 6, 1910—Claim, E. L. Pool	20.00
May 6, 1910—Five per cent. to J. L. Miller	7.40
May 6, 1910—Claim, R. G. Jones	14.00
	47.84
Balance in bank, savings department	355.63

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. HARRISON, Secretary and Treasurer.

GOLDSBORO.

Mr. Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, Concord, N. C.

Dear Sir: I am herewith sending you as secretary of Firemen's Relief Fund in Goldsboro, our annual report, which is as follows:

Receipts.

Balance on hand last report, July 19, 1909	$ 315.06

Received from Insurance Commissioner for 1910	188.16
Interest to July 1, 1910	11.68
	514.90

Disbursements.

Check to J. L. Miller, Secretary, May 28, 1910	9.41
Total in Bank of Wayne, Aug. 2, 1910	505.49

The members of the Relief Fund are as follows: Walter Borden, Chairman; Horace E. King, Marcus Jones, W. J. Gibson; Lionel Weil, Secretary and Treasurer.

With kind regards, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,

LIONEL WEIL, Secretary.

GREENSBORO.

Report of the treasurer of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Greensboro for year ending June 1, 1910.

Receipts.

June 1, 1909—To balance on hand	$ 241.27
Aug. 11, 1909—To cash from J. R. Young	253.79
April 1, 1910—Interest from bank	11.71
May 28, 1910—Cash from J. R. Young	300.18
	806.95

Disbursements.

Aug. 13, 1909—By voucher No. 4, treasurer's bond	2.50
Aug. 13, 1909—By voucher No. 5, tax, 5 per cent	12.69
Nov. 11, 1909—By voucher No. 6, 30 days relief	60.00
Jan. 6, 1910—By voucher No. 7, 60 days relief	120.00
	195.19
Balance on hand	611.76

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. CLARK, Secretary and Treasurer.

GASTONIA.

Report of Board of Trustees of Firemen's Relief Fund of Gastonia:

Aug. 1908—Received of Jas. R. Young, Insurance Com	$ 45.08
April 1910—Received of Jas. R. Young, Insurance Com	51.05
	96.13

1909—To Jno. L. Miller, secretary, 5 per cent	2.25	
1910—To Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, 5 per cent	2.25	4.80
Balance		91.33

Board of Trustees as follows: J. M. Sloan, B. H. Parker, Thos. L. Craig, V. E. Long and S. S. Shuford.

S. S. SHUFORD, Secretary and Treas.

HICKORY.

Report of J. A. Bowles, treasurer Firemen's Relief Fund, Hickory, to July 21, 1910.

On hand last report		$142.51
Received from State Treasurer May 2, 1910		61.00
Received bank interest		4.76
		208.27
Paid Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, April 6, 1910	3.54	
Paid Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, June 25, 1910	3.05	6.59
Balance on hand		201.68

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BOWLES, Treas.

HIGH POINT.

The following is the report of the local board of Firemen's Relief Fund, High Point:

Receipts.

To balance	$455.63
To amount received from Insurance Commissioner	238.64
To interest allowed	8.60
	702.87

Disbursements.

By benefit paid G. W. Myers, Aug. 14, 1910	21.60
By benefit paid W. S. Lovelace, March 7, 1910	30.60
By benefit paid Fred Sappenfield, April 22, 1910	32.40
By benefit paid Fred Sappenfield, May 21, 1910	43.20
By benefit paid G. W. Hill, Aug. 14, 1910	16.20
By check, 5 per cent. of amount received from Commissioner	11.93
	115.93
Balance on hand	586.94

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. HILLIARD, President.

E. R. CARR, Secretary and Treas.

HENDERSON.

I respectfully report that the Firemen's Relief Fund has balance as reported		$146.46
And check for		87.94
		234.40
We have paid claim of Fireman J. W. Gill	23.00	
Five per cent. on $87.94	4.40	27.40
Leaving a balance on hand of		207.00

The Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund consist of Messrs. W. A. Hunt, Chairman; M. J. O'Neil, Secretary and Treasurer, H. T. Powell, J. T. Jones and Silas Powell.

Very truly yours,
MAURICE J. O'NEIL, Secretary and Treas.

KINSTON.

July 13, 1909—To cash on hand		$ 241.27
July 20, 1909—By check for E. B. Bailey, sick claim	24.00	
Dec. 29, 1909—By check for E. G. Barrett, board	5.00	
April 7, 1909—By check for 5 per cent. to Jno. L. Miller	6.05	
May 5, 1909—To check from H. E. Mosley, city treasurer		129.25
June 24, 1909—By check for 5 per cent. to Jno. L. Miller	6.46	
	41.51	370.52
June 24, 1910—To balance		329.01

Of the above balance on hand one hundred and fifty dollars deposited at 4 per cent. per annum in both the National Bank of Kinston and the First National Bank of Kinston, and twenty-nine dollars and one cent deposited in the Bank of Kinston subject to check.

(Signed) E. B. MARSTON, for the City.
E. N. WEBB, for the City.
L. O. MOSLEY, for the Fire Co.
J. F. TAYLOR, for Ins. Commissioner.
E. G. BARRETT, Secretary and Treas.

LOUISBURG.

The Relief Committee is composed of the following: C. B. Cheatham, Chairman; Wm. H. Ruffin, Secretary and Treasurer; J. A. Turner and J. R. Collie. D. C. Strickland has not formally resigned but has

moved to Apex and the vacancy has not been filled by the town commissioners, by whom he was appointed.

To balance on hand as per report July 24, 1909	$ 75.46
May 2, 1910—To amount of appropriation received from Insurance Commissioner	37.71
By 5 per cent. on $37.71 sent State Secretary	1.88
By balance on hand available	111.29

Respectfully yours,
WM. H. RUFFIN, Secretary and Treas.

MONROE.

The committee is composed of R. A. Morrow, J. M. Belk, H. A. Shute, W. B. Houston and A. M. Crowell.

On deposit in bank $197.86

Respectfully,
A. M. CROWELL, Treas.

NEW BERN.

Receipts.

July 20, 1908—To cash received from city treasurer	$ 192.72
July 6, 1909—To cash received from city treasurer	160.71
May 2, 1910—To cash received from city treasurer	179.21

Disbursements.

June 7, 1909—By check to John L. Miller, Secretary, Concord, 5 per cent. on $192.72	9.64
Nov. 30, 1909—Paid Tom Taylor, driver of Atlantic Hose Wagon	18.00
Paid Walter Aldrich for 16 days disability at $1.00 per day	16.00
March 1, 1910—Paid T. H. Smith for 11 days at $1.50	16.50
March 1, 1910—Paid T. T. Lassiter for 8 days at $2.00 and 20 days at $1.50	46.00
March 1, 1910—Paid R. L. Gardner for 20 days at $1.00	20.00
May 20, 1910—Paid J. C. Thomas for 16 days at $1.50	24.00
May 20, 1910—Paid Lyle W. Smith for 6 days at $2.00	12.00
July 14, 1910—By check to John L. Miller, Secretary State Firemen's Association, 5 per cent. of $339.92	17.00
By balance	353.50

Respectfully submitted,
C. J. MCCARTHY, Treas.

RALEIGH.

The Firemen's Relief Fund Committee is composed as follows: Chas. U. Harris, Chairman; R. T. Gowan, Secretary and Treasurer; W. R. Macy, Walter Woollcott and James F. Jordon.

Jan. 29, 1910—Received of city treasurer	$ 462.45
May 18, 1910—Received of city treasurer	245.64
July 1, 1910—Interest	7.29
	715.38

Disbursements.

March 25, 1910—Treasurer's bond	10.00
March 25, 1910—Dr. Sherrill, bill rendered, injuries to Gordon Harris	15.00
Five per cent. to Treasurer State Association	34.50
	59.50
Balance on hand July 1, 1910	655.88

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. GOWAN, Secretary and Treas.

The above statement as to balance on hand, $655.88, is now on deposit in the Savings Department of the Merchants National Bank.

S. J. HINSDALE, Assistant Cashier.

REIDSVILLE.

Complying with the provisions of the Firemen's Relief Fund Act, I beg to submit the following report of receipts and disbursements of funds coming into the hands of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund in Reidsville, as follows, to-wit:

July 30, 1908—Received from Insurance Commissioner, pro rata for 1907		$ 104.78
July 30, 1908—Paid exchange on check	.25	
July 30, 1910—Paid State Firemen's Association, 5 per cent.	5.23	
July 30, 1908—Paid treasurer's bond for 1 year..	5.00	
Deposited on time certificate		94.30
Oct. 11, 1909—Interest on deposit		4.50
Oct. 11, 1909—Paid for renewal of treas. bond...	5.00	
May 5, 1910—Received from Insurance Commissioner, pro rata for 1909		105.25
Paid exchange on check	.25	
Paid State Firemen's Association, 5 per cent.....	5.26	

July 22, 1910—Paid for renewal of treas. bond...	5.00	
	25.99	214.53
Balance on hand.....		188.54

We beg further to report that there have been no occasions for appropriating this money to disabled members of the fire department.

We beg to report further that the following constitute the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund in Reidsville: E. F. Hall, Chairman; Will Williams, P. D. Watt, W. T. Wootton, and Francis Womack, Secretary and Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS WOMACK, Secretary and Treas.

ROCKY MOUNT.

Report of treasurer of Firemen's Relief Fund of Rocky Mount to July 1, 1910.

Amount on hand July 1, 1909		$ 190.78
July 19, 1909—J. H. Cuthrell, benefits.....	57.60	
Aug. 10, 1909—H. A. Williford, benefits.....	110.00	
Oct. 1, 1909—H. A. Williford, benefits.....	70.00	
Oct. 1, 1909—Check from J. R. Young.....		193.82
Nov. 29, 1909—Jno. B. Brooks, benefits.....	88.20	
May 7, 1910—Check from J. R. Young		221.88
July 24, 1910—5 per cent. of $193.82 to N. C. State Firemen's Association.....	9.69	
	335.49	606.48
Amount on hand, deposited with Rocky Mount Savings and Trust Co., July 1, 1910		270.99

J. J. BATTLE, Treasurer.

SALEM.

I hereby submit my report as treasurer of the Firemen's Relief Fund for the town of Salem, to June 30, 1910.

Sept. 23, 1909—By amount received from Insurance Commissioner Young.....		$ 87.25
Jan. 1, 1910—By amount of interest		.87
April 1, 1910—By amount of interest.....		.88
April 16, 1910—To amount paid Jno. L. Miller, Secretary.....	4.36	
May 9, 1910—By amount received from Insurance Commissioner Young.....		41.32

June 30, 1910—To amount paid Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	2.07	
	6.43	130.32
By balance on hand July 1, 1910		123.89

FRANK W. STOC ON, Treas.

SALISBURY.

As treasurer of the Firemen's Relief Fund of Salisbury, I beg to submit the following report:

Balance on hand as per last report		$ 169.85
Paid voucher No. 1	10.80	
Paid voucher No. 2	7 65	
Paid voucher No. 3	79.20	
Received from Jas. R. Young, 1909		163.24
Accumulated interest		4.69
	97.65	337.76
Balance on hand July 1, 1910		240 13

Very respectfully,

C. H. SWINK, Treas.

STATESVILLE

As secretary and treasurer of the Firemen's Relief Fund for the city of Statesville, beg leave to submit the following report, this July 23, 1910.

Receipts.

Cash on hand last report	$ 97.75
July 7, 1909—Received from James R. Young, Ins. Com	101.96
May 11, 1910—Received from James R. Young, Ins. Com	120.16
Total receipts	319.87

Disbursements.

Dec. 11, 1909—B. P. Young	40.00
Jan. 19, 1910—Geo. Tomlin, colored	7.00
April 5, 1910—Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	5.10
July 7, 1910—Jno. L. Miller, Secretary	6.00
	58.10
July 23, balance in bank	262.77

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST G. GAITHER, Secretary and Treas.

Trustees: R. R. Clark, J. L. Sloan, J. E. Boyd, R. L. Flannigan and E. G. Gaither.

SPENCER.

As treasurer of the Firemen's Relief Fund for Spencer, I beg to submit the following report:

July 10, 1909—Balance on hand reported at last convention...	$ 40.50
May 20, 1910—Received from Jas. R. Young, Ins. Fund.....	25.72

Disbursements.

April 13, 1910—To Jno. L. Miller, Treasurer.....	.66
Balance on hand April 13, 1910.....	65.36

Very truly yours,
C. H. VUNCANNON, Treas.

Correct:—W. H. Burton, Chief.

SANFORD.

Report of treasurer of Firemen's Relief Fund of Sanford.

Amounts received from J. R. Young, Insurance Commissioner. Aug. 21, 1908	$ 10.68
Aug. 12, 1909.....	14.14
July 23, 1910	20.73
	45.55

Disbursements.

Jan. 29, 1909—Check to J. L. Miller	.53
Oct. 4, 1909—Check to Tay Mathews.....	23.58
July 23, 1910—Check to J. L. Miller	.71
July 25, 1910—Check to J. L. Miller	1.04
	25.86
Balance in treasury.....	19.69

TARBORO.

Report of treasurer of Firemen's Relief Fund for Tarboro Hook and Ladder Company No. 1.

Amount received from Jas. R. Young	$ 116.36
Amount received from Jas. R. Young May 5, 1910.....	81.15
	197.51

Disbursements.

Paid Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, Aug. 18, 1909.....	5.82

Paid Jno. L. Miller, Secretary, May 10, 1909	4.06
	9.88
Balance on hand.....	187.63

C. A. JOHNSON, Treas.

WASHINGTON.

Annual report of Trustees of Firemen's Relief Fund of Washington.

Aug. 1, 1908—By check from Jas. R. Young.....		$ 136.90
July 14, 1909—By check from Jas. R. Young.....		101.62
May 2, 1910—By check from Jas. R. Young.....		125.05
		363.57
July 15, 1909—To amount paid J. L. Miller, Secretary State Firemen's Association, it being 5 per cent. of amount on hand.....	6.85	
Oct. 5, 1909—To amount paid Griffin Clark, colored, on account of personal injuries sustained while performing his duties as firemen in July, 1909.....	7.00	
Oct. 5, 1909—To amount paid Dr. J. M. Gallagher for professional attention to Griffin Clark	2.00	
May 13, 1910—To amount paid J. L. Miller, Secretary State Firemen's Association, 5 per cent. on receipts.....	11.33	
	27.18	336.57
Balance on hand June 14, 1910		336.39

FRANK H. BRYAN, Secretary and Treas.

WINSTON.

Report of Board of Trustees of Firemen's Relief Fund for city of Winston.

Jan. 1—Amount on hand.....	$ 531.00
Aug. 6—Received from Jas. R. Young.....	486.78
May 6, 1910—Received from Jas. R. Young	486.91
April 1—Interest to date.....	24.05
July 5—Interest to date	9.65
	1,538.39

Disbursements.

Jan. 13, 1909—To cash, J. L. Miller, 5 per cent	26.78

Aug. 31, 1909—To cash. Follin Co. Bond	4.00
March 21, 1910—To cash, D. M. Haithcox, sick benefit	16.00
May 6, 1910—J. L. Miller, 5 per cent	24.34
May 25, 1910—To cash, J. L. Miller, 5 per cent	24.33
	95.45
Balance on hand	1,442.94

R. C. TARLOR, President.

C. M. NORFLEET, Sec. and Treas.

R. L. Hopper, W. C. Wright and N. D. Dowdy, Trustees.

WILMINGTON.

I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report as treasurer of your Board, for the period ending July 22, 1910.

Receipts.

Balance on hand at last report	$ 773.63
July 8, 1909—Received from State	713.75
May 5, 1910—Received from State	747.96
Interest received on deposit	48.92
	2,284.26

Disbursements.

July 20, 1909—Expenses Chief to Asheville	29.45
Oct. 12, 1909—Record book	.25
Oct. 12, 1909—Mrs. J. W. Mohr	50.00
Oct. 12, 1909—Premium on bond	10.00
Nov. 13, 1909—Mrs. J. W. Mohr	12.50
Dec. 20, 1909—Mrs. J. W. Mohr	25.00
Feb. 10, 1910—Mrs. J. W. Mohr	12.50
Feb. 25, 1910—A. C. Patterson	20.00
Feb 25, 1910—J. E. Haar	42.00
Feb. 25, 1910—Chas. Schnibben	42.00
Feb. 25, 1910—John T. Yates	6.00
Feb. 25, 1910—G. G. Smith	18.00
April 6, 1910—Mrs. J. W. Mohr	12.50
April 6, 1910—J. H. Litjen	18.00
April 6, 1910—Mrs. J. W. Mohr	12.50
April 6, 1910—John L. Miller, 5 per cent. of receipts	35.69
April 23, 1910—J. C. Thomas	8.00
May 4, 1910—W. D. Murray	20.00
May 4, 1910—Mrs. J. W. Mohr	12.50
June 9, 1910—Mrs. J. W. Mohr	12.50

July 15, 1910—T. N Fick	70.00
July 15, 1910—Mrs. J. W. Mohr	12.50
July 22, 1910—City Livery Company	22.00
	503.89

Balance on hand as follows:

Certificate of deposit, Atlantic Trust & Banking Co	713.75
Certificate of deposit, Atlantic Trust & Banking Co	747.96
Checking account, deposited with Atlantic Tr. & Banking Co.	318.66
	1,780.37

For the above I submit herewith two certificates of deposit, No. 323 and No. 380, covering $1,461.71, and the pass book of said bank No. 3690, showing a balance to date, subject to check, of $318.66.

Summary of Disbursements.

Expenses to annual convention		$ 29.45
Premium on treasurer's bond		10.00
Record book		.25
Miller, Secretary, 5 per cent. assessment		35.69
Flowers and carriage Memorial Day		22.00
Relief of city firemen	244.00	
Relief of widow and children	162.50	
Total relief paid		406.50
Total disbursements for year		503.89

Respectfully submitted,

C. N. Evans, Treas.

We, the undersigned, have examined the above assets and vouchers, and find them correct.

F. A. Lord,
W. A. French.

July 22, 1910.

Under the head of miscellaneous business the following resolution is offered by Chief Douglas: "Resolved, That this Association make no distinction between payment of disability claims, between the State and local relief fund; and, Resolved, that this provision be restricted so as to include all claims that may be hereafter incurred."

Mr. Douglas discusses the propositions contained in his resolution.

President McNeill requests Vice-President Boyden to take the chair.

President McNeill:

This needs some explanation. Greensboro claims that they had two claims that were disallowed. Now, gentlemen, I worked like the devil to get that bill passed; it has its inadequacies, it has its faults, but it was

the best we could do at the time; some towns do not receive the same consideration that others do, but where the legislative requirements are met we are all on an equal footing. (Reads the provisions of the act.) Our friend Douglas is a lawyer; he stands on technicalities, I do not. Ever since I have been your president I have tried to follow your rules as earnestly and honestly as I could. No one has been more devoted to you than I have; no one has tried to do more than I have to promote your interests in health and strength, or care for you if you are disabled, or should death overtake you. Let me tell you. On General Lee's staff was Pender, who gave up his life on the battlefields of Virginia. His name is a household word; a county is named after him, he is a hero. Do you not remember that fire in Salisbury when that splendid structure, the Empire Hotel, was endangered by fire. The chief needed more hose. Upon the footboard of the cart sent for them stood a young man; rounding a corner it struck the curb and threw this young man to the pavement, and he died. His name was Pender, too, but no monument marks his grave, no county is named after him. Learning of the distress of his young widow and fatherless child, in the name of the Firemen of North Carolina I gave her a check for $300. Was I right, or was I wrong, when I did this in your name. While it was not according to your rules, the Vice-President approved it, the Secretary approved it, your Treasurer approved it. I had no right to have paid this money because he was not a beneficiary or member of this association, but he was doing our work when he met his end and was one of us in heart and hand, and as brother firemen I knew you would stand by me in this action, for while it was not done from a legal standpoint it was done from a human standpoint. Do you approve it, or do you not?

Chief King:

I make a motion that the President's payment of that voucher be approved. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer Taylor:

As Treasurer of your Association I feel that you have the right to know why I have to leave you this afternoon. Sickness at home is my only reason for leaving. This is the first time I have not been able to remain with you and I regret it very much, and I hope the Association will have one of the best meetings it has ever had.

Vice-President Bernard:

If the resolutions of brother Douglas were adopted it seems to me according to the act you could not get any money out of the relief fund. I ask a ruling of the chair on that question. (Reads the act.)

President McNeill:

While the chair has not given the question any particular thought except while listening to the arguments of the gentlemen, his construc-

tion of the act relating to the payments of claims is, and I so rule, that the payment of claims shall be from the local funds before drawing on the relief fund.

Moved and seconded that the resolutions be tabled.

The chairman requests that the motion be withdrawn, and the resolution will lie over until the committee report. Motion is withdrawn.

Moved and seconded that the convention adjourn to meet again at 8:30 o'clock. Carried.

Evening Session.

President McNeill in the chair.

The meeting is now called to order and is ready for any business that may properly come under the head of Miscellaneous Business.

Secretary Miller:

Here is a paper handed me today with the request that I read it to the convention. Reads as follows:

To the State Convention of the North Carolina Firemen:

We, the undersigned Reel Teams, hereby enter our protest against the use of any cart with a bed, or any other style of vehicle except a cylinder reel, in any of the contests that take place at any of the annual State Firemen's Tournaments.

We request that this matter be definitely settled at this convention.

JNO. L. FOISTER, Foreman Chapel Hill Team.
M. A. SHANK, Captain South Side Team.
W. H. BURTON, Chief, Spencer (Town.)
MAURICE STEWART, Chief So. Shop Team (Spencer.)

President McNeill:

You have heard the communication from three companies of the association of a matter affecting the tournament.

Chief Burton:

I wish to say to this convention, coming here as we do with a view of being fair to all the other companies, I signed that paper. Now, at the convention last year, there was brought out a hose cart; what is called by some a banana cart, and by some a dago cart, and various names. I don't know whether the convention can rule that cart out or not, but, I say that it is hurting your convention. How many reel teams have we now? Four. Why aren't there more here. They do not want the "Dago cart." If you are going to stop the reel teams coming to your conventions then continue the "Dago cart." My object in signing this letter was to express my sentiment against the dago cart. I want to say to you that Spencer has a dago cart here, and if you are going to run that kind of cart she will run one too. She is going to meet any-

body on the race track, but Spencer enters her protest against the dago cart, and there are several other teams that stand just where we stand.

Capt. Tesh:

The gentlemen who objects to this "Dago cart," and who signed this paper, say they built a dago cart, and Salisbury, I understand, built one last year, and they said they could not use it. Mr. Burton, of the Spencer team, said they don't know whether they will use it or not, because we can't keep the hose in it If they object to our using it why don't they use the one they built; it's the team that wins the race, and the man that runs next to the wagon has nothing to do with the team. We spent our money to come here, and it is up to the convention to say whether we can use that or not. We have been using this cart now for two or three years and there was nothing said about running the two wheels. They said that it was an improvement, and if that was an improvement for us and you can make better time with it than with the ordinary reel, why kon't they use it; but it is up to the convention. If you don't want us to enter race all right, but I don't think it is fair to have us come down here, and if that resolution is passed to apply to this tournament it will cut us out.

President McNeill:

The rule on page 79, section 1, "Any cart capable of carrying 500 feet of hose, can be used." That is the only rule we have saying what kind of cart shall be used. Now, gentlemen, to put the matter plainly before you, there is a protest here from some of the teams protesting against the use of the two wheel cart. Any change you make cannot apply to this meeting; it will the next. The only stipulation now is for any cart carrying 500 feet of nose.

Chief Tayloe:

I do not want to be discourteous to the gentleman from Spencer, but I feel that all this voluntary information against them entering on any other terms except those of other years is not right, and, therefore, I move that the resolution be tabled. Motion seconded.

Motion is put, and ayes and nays called; division is called for by a rising vote—54 for aye, ayes have it.

Chief Douglas:

In order that this question may be settled once for all, and that every fire department may know the kind of cart he can use, I move that the chair appoint a committee of three and submit a resolution for 1911 in compliance with whatever they may decide is proper so that there can be no question raised as to what can and cannot be used. Motion seconded and carried.

The chair appoints the captain of the Spencer team, the captain of the Chapel Hill team and the captain of the Salem team.

Mr. Douglas, of Greensboro:

In the interest of peace and harmony in this matter, I submit it is not a good thing to take these men and put them in a room and say "sic 'em." I understand it is but a simple proposition of whether you are to use a circular reel or use something that resembles a wagon with hose in it. It seems to me that any gentleman can make a motion right here without bringing them together and then make friction.

Chapel Hill:

I would be glad for you to leave it with the convention.

The Chairman:

I will make it a committee of five. I will make Mr. Tesh chairman. Please get together and recommend changing rule 1, or permit it to remain as it is.

Charlotte:

I was requested to read this resolution. W. S. Fond not being able to be here, he sends his regrets to the convention that he was not able to present this resolution in person. This resolution is on the death of a man who had given his entire life to the fire department of Charlotte.

The resolution is read as follows:

"Charlotte, N. C , Feb. 19, 1910.

"The following resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Charlotte Fire Department February 19th, 1910, relative to the death of Jno. M. Davidson:

"Whereas, It is with great sorrow we are called upon to mourn the death of our esteemed brother, Jno. M. Davidson, who died February 14, 1910. Therefore, be it

"Resolved 1st. While we humbly submit to the will of God, we, nevertheless, mourn our brother's untimely death, stricken down in the prime of life and vigor of manhood.

"Resolved 2nd. That in the death of our comrade, Jno. M. Davidson, the Charlotte Fire Department has lost a true and worthy member, the city of Charlotte a competent and faithful fireman, his family a fond and loving father.

"Resolved 3rd. That we extend to his bereaved ones a deep and heartfelt sympathy, and commend them to the care of Him who doeth all things well; and pray that He in His infinite love and mercy may help them to bear up under their great affliction which has saddened their hearts and darkened their home.

"Resolved 4th. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and a copy be sent to the N. C. Firemen's Association, also to the family of our deceased brother.

"W. S. ORR, Chief
"J. H. WALLACE, Foreman, } Committee."
"W. H. PALMER, Clerk,

The Chairman:

From childhood I have been an intense admirer of a fireman. Now, as I am growing to be an old man and getting closer to the shadow of death I am drawn closer to you all for that parting here must come sooner or later, and I trust it may be later, my brothers. I am now living for the firemen, and anything that can be done for the firemen, for his loved ones, for those dependent upon him. I know you will do it; I will do it. I knew Mr. Davidson personally, and I regret as much as any one his departure from us.

Chief Clark:

I move that the resolution be adopted by a rising vote. Motion seconded and carried.

The Chairman:

I have here a similar resolution to the memory of —— Pickett of the Chapel Hill team. I knew him well; he was a splendid young man; genial, kind and warm hearted. Some of you knew him, and how manly he performed every duty; he was cut down in the prime of life. I was in Chapel Hill a few days before his death and it was sad to see that young life going out to the great unknown; it made me feel near that death which was coming to him, and to recognize that it would not be the end; it made me feel reconciled with life's changes that although we would not have him with us at this tournament, that death was not dissolution; it made me feel that while he has passed out of the sunshine of our lives to that great unknown, still I can feel this warm feeling of brotherhood we have for each other, the unfaltering faith we have in the fatherhood of God, that it will be but a short time when we will be a larger band in that life which is eternal. I ask that a resolution be presented to the convention expressive of our regrets at the passing away of our brother.

Motion made and seconded that it is the sense of this meeting that we feel keenly the loss that has fallen upon us all by the death of ——— Pickett. Carried.

Vice-President Bernard:

A short time ago one of the old members of the Asheville Fire Department passed away. In 1865 he, with others, were the organizers of that fire department. He was never married, I believe, and he gave to the fire service his utmost love; that affection a man must give to his wife and children. He loved it with an intenseness and devotion that comes from a manly and honest heart. For years and years, from the time of the organization of this association, he never missed attending its conventions except one year when he was in the Spanish-American War, the year 1898, at Wilmington. I am not going to make a long speech, but I just want you to know that the firemen of Asheville never

knew a man that they loved with the same devotion that they did Jesse Patton. I want every member of this association to know that he was a man of geniality, of warm and tender heartedness; he was devoted to his brother firemen, to whom he would give his last cent if they were in need. When misfortune overtook him some three years ago he could not have fallen in better hands than he did; he was well taken care of by his fellow firemen of Asheville. Just as he passed away one of his last requests was that he should be hauled to the cemetery behind his two black horses, his favorites, that he had driven to many a fire—Black Bird and Baby.

Chief Waller:

I wish to mention the name of Julius McDoone. He was our driver and he was devoted to his team, as most drivers are. He was a real fireman, and one who took a great interest in the affairs of his company, and I trust he is now driving in the Great Beyond.

Motion made and seconded that the memorial to the two brothers that have died be also printed in the records. Carried.

The Chairman:

In this connection I wish to call the attention of this convention to the fact that some six years ago there was a ritual adopted by this association for use on Memorial Day, which is to be held on the second Sunday in June of each year. I watched the papers to see how many North Carolina departments were carrying out that ritual as it should be. In my town it was carried out to the letter. We had there firemen from 85 years old down to the younger men, and I had hoped that you would all pay attention to this matter just as regularly as you did to your other duties. It is very important that we should observe this day with as much solemnity as Southern women observe the 10th of May, in in memorium to the fathers and sons who gave up their lives for the cause in the Civil War; just as the women of the North gather on their day in memorial of their dead, and it is your duty to come together on that day in June in commemoration of the firemen who have departed this life. I hope that every department in North Carolina will observe this ritual next year on the second Sunday in June.

If there are no other memorials we will close the Memorial Session, and proceed with the regular order of business before the convention.

The Chairman

If the special committees are ready to report, we will call for the report of the special committees.

Vice-President Bernard:

Your committee to whom was referred the question of changing or not changing the per capita tax report as follows:

To the State Firemen's Association of North Carolina:

Your committee to whom was referred the question of per capita tax and relief funds, beg leave to report as follows:

We are of the opinion that Section 1 of Article 2 of the By-Laws of the Association governs the question of per capita tax, which section reads as follows: "Each company shall pay a membership fee of five dollars; fifty cents per capita yearly thereafter in advance for dues; and each Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph and Water Works shall pay one dollar annual dues in advance. The Secretary of the Association shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues."

We are of opinion that Section 3 of "An Act Creating a Relief Fund for Disabled Firemen" provides that the Firemen's Relief Fund of North Carolina shall be paid to "members of the Association who may be injured or rendered sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of duty as firemen;" that Section 1 of Article three of the Constitution provides who shall be members of the Association for the purpose of participating in the benefits of the Association, and the funds distributed by it. We are further of opinion that Section 1 of Article 6 of the Constitution provides that this Association shall have power to alter, amend or revise the Constitution only by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Association present entitled to vote, after the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

Entertaining the foregoing opinion upon the questions involved, your committee has no recommendation to make other than that the law, constitution and by-laws of the Association be complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. Bernard,
A. B. Horney,
C. D. Arthur,
E. E. Bain,
J. W. Thurman,

The Chairman:

You have heard the report of the committee; what is your pleasure.

Chief Waller:

It seems to me where the resolution relates to any amendment shall be presented to the executive committee at its meeting before the annual meeting is bad. Suppose some one has something to incorporate in the laws of this association. We do not know when the executive committee is going to meet or where it is going to meet, and it will work a hardship if we have to consult the executive committee It seems to me it is a

very bad precedent for us to establish; it says it shall be made in writing, and I move that the words, "executive committee," be stricken out.

The Chairman:

There is no second to that motion, and the original report is before the house.

The Chairman:

Will you state, Mr. Bernard, in set terms, the meaning of your resolution?

Vice-President Bernard:

It meams this:—if our report is in accord with our construction of the statue, the constitution and the by-laws, the firemen will be entitled to pay from the local relief fund and also from the State relief fund; in other words you will be paid $1.80 a day for total disability, 90 cents for ordinary disability, and you will get an equal amount from your local fund as long as it lasts.

Chief Clark:

I move to accept the report.

The Chairman:

All claims are drawn equally from the State fund and from the local fund for the next 12 months, and that this does not propose any reduc. tion in your per capita tax.

Chief Douglass:

I did not understand the report to state that the claims had to be paid out of the local funds, it simply stated what the association had to do. Does the law say the local trustees are to pay?

Vice-President Bernard:

The law provides that both are to pay.

The Chairman:

The question is whether the percentage from the local relief fund—does that remain, or does the 10 per cent. under the Firemen's act go to our General Fund.

Vice-President Bernard:

No, sir, the local fund pays for that.

Goldsboro:

According to my understanding the local fund we have the right to pay to widows and orphans. Yes, sir. We are doubling on our local fund.

The Chairman:

All in favor of adopting this report will say, aye. Carried.

Chapel Hill:

I wish to state to the convention that we have not got our reel here yet although we shipped it 5 or 6 days ago. I have been telegraphing for it everywhere; the freight agent does not seem to be very much interest-

ed, and as a last resort I wired the express office at Goldsboro. I want to ask if we are disbarred from entering the parade if our name is not in now?

The Chairman:

You can put your name in any time, as soon as you get your reel your department can go in the parade.

The Chairman:

Under the head of Miscellaneous Business, we have a member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association who holds letters patent on a most useful invention, and I think if it was adopted it would result in preventing the cause of a great many fires. I recommend it to the members of the association, and would like for the members to look at it.

Mr. Meredith:

This invention of mine is one of the best selling articles you will find any where. This thimble comes through the sleeve, the lath and plaster is fastened to that; the inside thimble receives the stove pipe and leaves an air space and makes it impossible for any fire to come from any defective stove pipe throughout the house. It weighs 40 pounds, and sells at retail for $2.50. The insurance companies endorse it.

Chief Brown:

I would make a suggestion regarding the starting of hose wagons for only fifty yards—I don't think that is enough. I understand that the rule says that you have to start 50 yards behind the starting line, and I would suggest that we make it 100 yards. I make a motion to that effect.

The Chairman:

You understand that cannot affect this tournament.

Motion seconded. Motion lost.

The Chairman:

Finding that our treasurer has money enough and that it is ample enough to carry on our business, I would suggest that we reduce our per capita tax from 50 to 25 cents. I do not think it is necessary to take any more money out of the firemen's pockets than is needed. You are getting 5 per cent from your local relief treasury and that is ample to take care of your business expenses, that heretofore you had to look after from the per capita tax. I do not want to abolish it altogether, because you do want to know who are members of the State Firemen's Association, and to keep up their interest, but I do not think you would do wrong by reducing it one half. You have $1200 in your hands, which is larger than last year and greater than the year before. You have adopted a rule stating that you want it to stand for one more year, but I would like to have the Association put my suggestion in such a way as to have it come into effect next year.

Mr. Israel, Asheville:

Instead of reducing it, why not put it back to your disability fund

I am in favor of increasing the pay to disabled firemen.

Chief Tayloe:

Does the per capita tax come from the individual firemen?

The Chairman:

As a rule it does.

Chief O'Neil:

I move that the chair be empowered to appoint a committee to draft a resolution and present it to the Executive Committee for action at the next annual meeting to increase the dividends. Motion seconded and carried.

Chief Taylor:

I move that this Association recommend the use of the Meredith flue base on account of its safety. Motion seconded and carried.

Special committee on the reel hand wagon reports as follows:

Your committee recommends as follows: That the rules be so construed that all reels used for carrying hose in hand reel races, carry the hose wound upon a circular drum running upon an axle; and in all other respects that it comply with the present rules.

JNO. L. FOISTER. Chapel Hill,
J. B. WILLIAMS, Monroe, Co. No. 1,
B. G. NASH, Concord Reel Team,
W. H. BURTON, Spencer (Town)

Moved that the report be adopted. Seconded. Vote is in doubt and roll call is demanded. On division the secretary announces 73 for and 54 against the adoption; the chair declares the adoption of the report.

Mr. Israel:

I move that Section 2, Article 3, of the Constitution, be amended by striking out the following words in the 18th, 19th and 20th lines: "That 10 per cent. be deducted from all claims for benefits and placed to the credit of the General Fund to defray expenses of the same."

It is moved and seconded that the resolution be tabled. Carried.

The Chairman:

Report of the formation of an insurance company is now in order. The report of the committee shows what they have done; and from their investigations it is a feasible proposition. Quite a lot of the stock was subscribed for and about 10 per cent. was paid in by members of the different departments I was authorized to visit. We had some splendid offers from financiers, but we want a majority of the stock to be held by the firemen. It is not a firemen's insurance company, but a Fire Insurance Company of North Carolina at $10 per share. It is simply a business proposition, and you hold this stock as same as you would any other investment. The committee deferred any action until you could say

what shall be done; will you discharge the committee or what is your pleasure.

Chief O'Neil:

I move that the question of insurance be tabled and the committee discharged, and the money paid in be returned.

Motion seconded and lost.

Chief Davis, Louisburg:

I move that the matter be continued in the hands of the committee, and with power to act in regard to the formation of a Fire Insurance Company, and in such manner as they may deem best for the best interests of the firemen of North Carolina and the Association.

Motion seconded and carried.

Secretary Miller:

The gentleman from the Lenoir Fire Departmeni was out during the memorial session, and I would now ask to insert the name of J. H. Melton, who has died since the last meeting. It is so ordered.

Election of Officers.

Vice-President Boyden takes the chair:

S. G. Bernard and Jas. D. McNeill placed in nomination.

President McNeill:

For the seventeenth consecutive time you have placed my name before you as your nominee for the office of president. For sixteen consecutive times you have elected me as president of your association. I have never asked a member to vote for me and will not do it now. I have served you as faithfully as I know how, as honestly as I can, and I hope satisfactorily. I am not seeking a nomination. I want every member of this house to vote just as he thinks best for the best interests of the association. Mr. Bernard is a good man and I will serve my successor just as loyally as I have served you. It is up to you, not to me. You are now at a very crucial period in the life of the association, and you should use your judgment not only as regards your president but all your officers.

Nominations closed.

Chiefs Douglass and O'Neil appointed as tellers.

Vote is taken by roll call The tellers announce 102 votes for Jas. D. McNeill and 43 for S. G. Bernard. Jas D. McNeill is declared elected as President of the association to serve as such for the ensuing term, the election being made unanimous on motion of Chief Tayloe:

President McNeill:

Just a few words. I am very grateful to you for this renewed mark of your confidence, and I might say your love. It is a splendid, healthful sign, men, to realize that there are others aspiring to the presidency of this organization. Had the vote been at all close you could not have prevailed upon me to accept this election, for I would not have agreed to accept the presidency of a divided body. If it had been divided I would have pleaded with you to give it to the other man. Chief Bernard is a good man, and I hope it may be an example for all young men to aspire to. I am not a fixture and will resign this position just as easily as I will go to my bed this night. The vote to Chief Bernard was an admirable one. I admire him. I admire the noble man that put me

in nomination, and I thank you all that I merit and am worthy of your respect. My heart it with you.

Vice-President Bernard:

I want to thank the members who voted for me. I treasure the nomination, and their votes. I want to say, however, that you have elected a good man. Whatever I have done for the association, or any member, individually or collectively, I did it because I wanted to; whatever I do hereafter will be because I want to do it. I thank you.

Noninations for Vice-Presidents called. A. H. Boyden and S. G. Bernard placed in nomination.

On motion nominations close and election is made by acclamation. Seconded and carried.

Vice-President Boyden:

Just let me say one thing. I am not seeking re-election, and I think you ought to put some young fellow in my place. You know I have always loved you, and I wanted to be given some easy position that would bring me down to the conventions and give me the opportunity to shake your hands and say how do you do. I thank you.

Nomination for Treasurer in order.

R. C. Taylor's being the only name placed in nomination, it is moved and seconded that his election be by acclamation. Carried.

Nomination for Secretary.

Jno. L. Miller being the only nomination it is moved and seconded that nominations close and election be by acclamation. Carried.

Nominations for Statistician.

M. S. Davis of Louisburg and W. P. Monroe of Wilmington placed in nomination. On roll call the tellers announce the following vote: M. S. Davis 99 and W. P. Monroe 46. It is moved and seconded that the election of M. S. Davis be made unanimous. Carried.

Unfinished Business.

Secretary Miller:

I move that this convention require the Secretary to give a good security bond for the faithful performance and discharge of the duties imposed upon him by this association. I think this should be done by the association, and I do not see why the association has allowed me to go on collecting their money without a suitable bond. It is only a question of pure business, and not one of sentiment, and I want to be placed under bond. Now when the time comes when I can't serve you any more and it should be a hardship on my successor, I will move that the association repeal it.

Motion seconded, and amended that the bond be $1,000 and premium on same be paid by the association. Amendment seconded; motion as amended carried.

Chief Turner:

I wish to move that the association by a rising vote extend to Chief Richardson and through him to the City of New Bern our thanks for the good time they are giving us.

President McNeill resumes the chair.

The Chairman:

Also to extend to the press of the city and the State who report our proceedings our thanks. We are in debt to the press. Also to the railroads of the State for the courtesies extended us, for the rates we are receiving are better than any enjoyed by any other people.

Motion seconded and carried by a rising vote.

Chief Douglass, on behalf of the firemen of the city of Greensboro, and the officials of the city and the people of that city, extends an invitation to the association to hold the next annual convention in that city. Also reads several letters of invitation.

A gentleman from Charlotte extends an invitation from that city to the association to hold the next annual convention there during the 20th of May celebration.

The Chairman:

You have heard the invitations from Greensboro and from Charlotte. Are you ready to take a vote on either one of those towns to be selected by you for our next State convention. If you are ready to put it to a vote I will appoint Vice-President Bernard and Chief O'Neil as tellers.

Vote is on roll call. Charlotte having the majority of votes, it is moved by Chief Douglass that Charlotte's invitation be unanimously accepted. Carried.

The Chairman:

If there is no further business a motion to adjourn is in order.

Motion is made and seconded that the convention adjourn. Carried.

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN LEWIS,
Greensboro, N. C.

J. FRANK MADDRY,
Durham, N. C.

J. T. ABBOTT,
Greensboro, N. C.

ROSS ANDERSON,
Asheville, N. C.

W. F. STAFFORD,
Spencer, N. C.

JAMES T. GOBBLE,
Spencer, N. C.

W. W. PICKARD, Jr.
Chapel Hill, N. C.

J. H. MELTON,
Lenoir, N. C.

JNO. M. DAVIDSON,
Charlotte, N. C.

RULES GOVERNING
TOURNAMENTS AND RACES

Held Under Supervision of Association.

RULE I.

There shall be held annually an Association Tournament, at such time and place as the Association shall from time to time direct, at which Tournament, and no other, the championship of the various branches of the firemen's service shall be contested for.

All tournaments shall be under the auspices of the Association, but the arrangements shall be made by the firemen and citizens at the place at which it is to be held.

RULE II.

Section 1. Champion prizes, other than money prizes, shall be the property of the Association, subject to their call and control, but will be in possession of the champion companies until within ten days of the meeting of the Association, when it shall be returned to the Secretary, and by him put in safe keeping until the day of the races, and then he shall place the same in the hands of the judges of the race for which prize is offered before the companies start in said race.

Sec. 2. The Association shall have power to suspend any company from participating in any annual Tournament.

Sec. 3. All companies, members of the Association,

can contest for prizes at the annual Tournament, unless suspended.

Sec. 4. All prizes hereafter offered for contests at the annual Tournament of the Association, for which there has been no competition, shall revert to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association to be by said Association devoted to the purchase of permanent Association championship prizes, to be competed for as provided for in the preceding section.

RULE III.

Section 1. The captains of the competing teams shall select Judges and Time-keepers at each Annual Tournament, who shall decide each and every contest which takes place at said Tournament. That no one shall serve as a judge in any of the contests who is not a resident of North Carolina, and who is a member of the competing company taking part in these contests, and the decision of these judges shall be final.

RULE IV.

Section 1. Any company attempting to win a prize by fraud, deception or foul play, or in any dishonorable way, or who shall disobey or infringe upon or evade any of the requirements of these rules, shall forfeit any prize won thereby, and shall be subject to suspension or expulsion.

Sec. 2. None but regular organized companies, who have been organized as such at least thirty days prior to the Annual Tournament and are members of this Association, can compete for any championship, and no person shall be allowed to run with or assist any company in any contest who has not been a member of said company at least thirty days prior to such contest.

Sec. 3 No company shall be allowed more than one trial in any contest.

RULE V.

Section 1. Every person taking any part in any contest requiring running shall be required to start with his company from the starting point.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the starting judges to start each team by saying, "Are you ready?" after which a pistol will be fired or an electric bell sounded, and time taken from these.

Sec. 3. All contestants in races must be decently clothed, the Executive Committee to decide.

RULE VI.

Section 1. The Start and Outcome Judges in any contest shall, by means of flag signals, signify the readiness for a start prior to any run.

Sec. 2. Timers must be placed at the outcome and time must be settled by them before reporting to the judges, and they must report their readiness to judges at outcome before each team is started.

RULE VII.

Section 1. The names of the contestants in each team and the names of not more than four substitutes in each team must be handed to the Secretary of the Association prior to the contest, and such list must be accompanied by a certificate from the foreman and secretary of the department to which the team belongs that such parties are actual members in good standing in said department.

Sec. 2. In case of a tie being made by teams in any contest, the judges shall immediately order such teams to run over, and such run shall decide the contest.

RULE VIII.

Section 1. All Hand Rell Races shall be run on the second day of the Tournament.

Sec. 2. The town at which Tournament is held shall be

required to have attached to a hydrant at which runs are made a pressure guage that the water pressure may be seen at all times.

RULES GOVERNING HOSE COMPANIES.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS.

Section 1. Any cart capable of carrying 500 feet of regular hose may be used. Number not to exceed sixteen men and a foreman.

Sec. 2. Hose race, wet or dry, distance to hydrant 200 yards, lay 300 feet of hose, uncouple, put on pipe, time to be called when pipe is dropped to the ground in dry run, and when water leaves the pipe in wet run, carts not to carry less than 250 of hose reeled into one continuous line. Companies not to exceed sixteen men and a foreman.

Sec. 3. The Association shall purchase an electric starting apparatus, which shall be used in starting all races of the Association. The apparatus to be between the wheels in four wheel apparatus, and beyond the reel in reel races.

Sec. 4. Pipe to be carried on cart by pipeman from the start. Pipe shall be of such style or pattern as teams may select. *Provided, always, they are suitable for active service. No coupling other than standard screw couplings shall be allowed.*

Sec. 5. No man to start ahead of leaders or to fall in and assist in dragging the apparatus after the start.

Sec. 6. No professional runner will be allowed to compete in any contest. The term "professional runner" is applied to one who has or is following racing as a profession or means of livelihood, and common reputation shall be

deemed conclusive evidence of such profession, which shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 7. All couplings used must be standard screw couplings, eight threads to the inch, and adapted to two and one-half inch fire hose; the hose on each coupling not to be shorter than forty-eight feet.

Sec. 8. All work must be done by hand or spanners.

Sec. 9. Snap spring and unproportioned couplings, or any attachment to couplings to assist in breaking or making, BARRED.

Sec. 10. When time is called, competitors must step back for judges to examine. Judges must chalk pipe and couplings before moving, then turn pipe off to see that it takes the required three turns to disconnect.

Sec. 11. That the Association, at its meeting previous to the time such championship race shall come on, shall elect three judges, one time-keeper and one whose duty it shall be to take charge of the race under the above rules and report the result to the Secretary as soon as the race is over.

Rules and Regulations Governing Money Prizes.

HOOK AND LADDER CONTESTS.

Trucks to be weighed and one man allowed to every seventy-five pounds—Captain and Ladderman not included with the running team, but to run in the contest.

Distance to be run, one hundred (100) yards—take off and raise one ladder, which must not be less than thirty feet (30) long, man to ascend and touch top piece of ladder and descend, replacing ladder. Ladder must be raised by hand —no hook or poles allowed.

No less than two entries required.

STEAMER CONTESTS.

QUICK STEAM FROM START TO FINISH.

Two entries required.

Engine to come to starting point hitched up. To run 200 yards. Take suction, attach hose and throw water 50 feet from nozzle through not less than 98 feet of hose.

Time for firing engine optional after signal to start is given. Driver, Engineer and Stoker to ride on engine. Hose wagon to follow with not more than six men exclusive of driver. Time to be taken from starting

signal until water goes over the 50-foot line. Quantity and quality of fuel optional.

QUICK STEAM—TWO TO ENTER.

Steamer to come to cistern empty and cold; to be filled with cold water until the engineer running the engine says "stop;" fuel to be furnished by the judges, and must be the same as fired with in case of fire (either wood or coal and not over one-half gallon of alcohol or oil.) Time to be taken from pistol shot and to throw water 50 feet, through not less than 48 feet of hose. That the stack on engines in all contests from this time forward shall not exceed two feet and throw water over the 50 foot line continuously for five minutes.

DISTANCE—TWO TO ENTER.

Steamer throwing water the greatest distance, with not over 100 pounds of steam, through not less than 48 feet of hose; size of nozzle optional.

The steam guage of each engine to be tested by all competing engineers prior to the contest.

HAND REEL CONTEST.

TWO TO ENTER.

Sixteen men and a foreman allowed.

Reel to carry not less than 148 feet of standard two and one-half inch hose to be connected on the start as when ready for duty at fires (three full threads); to run 150 yards, unreel not less than 98 feet of hose, attach same to plug, screw pipe to hose (any size nozzle), throw water in quickest time. Water to show opposite or beyond the hydrant, or company shall be ruled out. The plug must be closed, cap on three threads, at the time of the company starting on the run, and shall be opened by the wrenchman

running with the company. No straps or snap couplings allowed.

The hose must be let go as soon as attached to the plug. If the butt is blown off the company shall be ruled out. No couplings shall be used without nipples.

No company shall be allowed to assist another. In the run each compony is required to furnish a roll of its members to the Secretary of the Association on the morning of the first day, as early as possible. Fifteen minutes will be allowed each company after the judge's signal for ready and any company failing to start within that time shall be ruled out. Two entries required. No one allowed inside the ropes except the company making the run. The company making the best time wins the first prize. No company allowed to enter more than one team.

GRAB RACE CONTEST.

Company to run 50 yards, grab reel and run 50 yards to plug, unreel not less than 48 feet of hose, attach same to plug and throw water—drag rope to be up or down (optional with company). Plug must be closed when company starts to run same as the Reel Contest. Coupling to be broken opposite or beyond the plug. Should butt or nozzle blow off, company to be ruled out.

HAND TRUCK HOOK AND LADDER RACE.

Companies allowed one man to every 75 pounds, exclusive of Ladderman and Captain. Must run 100 yards, take off and raise one ladder (which must be not less than 30 feet long); man to ascend and touch top piece or round of ladder and descend; replace ladder.

Ladder must be raised by hand. No hooks or poles allowed.

No less than two entries allowed.

HOOK AND LADDER CONTEST—HORSE TRUCK

TWO TO ENTER.

Companies allowed one or two-horse truck. Trucks to be weighed. Weight for one horse not less than 1,500 pounds, *exclusive of driver and men;* for two horses not less than 2,600 pounds. Horse or horses to be hitched to truck, rear wheels on starting line, and run 300 yards; take off one 30-foot ladder, man to ascend and touch top piece or round of ladder and descend, replace ladder on truck in same position as when removed. Ladder must be raised by hand. Ladderman must touch top and bottom round in descending. No hooks or poles allowed. Not less than two entries allowed. Not more than sixteen men allowed, exclusive of driver and ladderman.

HORSE REEL RACE.

TWO TO ENTER.

Companies allowed the use of any four-wheeled Hose Carriage or Wagon, either one or two-horse, to carry not less than 350 feet standard two and one-half inch hose; Carriage or Wagon to be weighed; weight for one horse not less than 1,200 pounds, *exclusive of driver and men;* the driver, buttman and coupling breaker shall ride on Carriage or Wagon, horse or horses to be hitched to Hose Carriage or Wagon and to be given a moving start of 50 yards behind the actual starting line. The starting to be so located as to be a 200 yard run for horse to hydrant, where company is to unreel. Time to be taken when front wheels of wagon pass over starting line until water shows, unreel not less than 288 feet of hose, break coupling and attach pipe and show water. Water must show within fifty feet of 288 foot line; hose to

be reeled on carriage or placed on wagon, connected with three full threads. The plug must be closed at the time of the company starting and cannot be opened until hose is first started to be unreeled. Companies allowed five men in addition to those who ride, and can be placed in such position as desired. Time taken from first signal until water shows. If butt, or pipe blows off company shall be ruled out, and hose must be let go before pressure is taken off. Where ballast is used the certificate must show the kind of ballast and weight of same.

OTHER EVENTS.

ONE HUNDRED YARD FOOT RACE.

Men to run 100 yards. Two men to be selected by the captain of each company. The one making the best time wins the prize.

SACK RACE.

Contestants to be enveloped in bags to the neck, run 50 yards. All persons entering must run at the same time.

BARROW RACE.

To run 50 yards. Contestants to be blindfolded. The one coming nearest the mark wins the prize.

GENERAL RULES.

All contestants will be required to take part in the parade, unless excused for satisfactory reasons, same to be made in writing.

In no case will a second trial be allowed.

Each company's run will be decided by lot.

Captains will select all judges on the morning of the

contest. All competing companies must furnish the judges with weight of apparatus—to be weighed on city scales.

Companies wishing coupling—city standard, eight threads to the inch—will be furnished with the same on application to the Chief of Fire Department.

Hose will be furnished on the day of contest if desired. No person will be allowed to enter any of the contests unless he is a bona fide member of the company with which he enters.

N. B.—Judges must be governed by the above rules, as no changes will be allowed under any circumstances.

An Act to Incorporate the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened:

Section 1. That C. D. Benbow, J. G. Fowler, H. J. Elam, A. T. Boyd, C. F. Thomas, J. R. Donnell, Charles Wittington and S. D. Wilson, of Greensboro; J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville; J. T. Thacker, W. F. Keith, S. A. Sink, C. D. Snipes, F. H. Vogler, F. C. Meinung, of Winston-Salem; E. B. Engelhard, T. W. Blake, F. H. Lumsden and F. Branan, of Raleigh; H. E. Heartt, of Durham; J. B. Swinson, of Charlotte, and such other persons as are associated with them, and their successors, be and they hereby are, constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and by that name sue and be sued and prosecute and defend suits in all courts in the State and may have and use a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure. May take contracts and be capable in law of purchasing, holding and conveying any real or personal estate for the benefit of said Association or corporation, provided, the said corporation shall not at any time hold real or personal estate of greater amount than ten thousand ($10,000) dollars.

Sec. 2. The purposes for which said Association is organized are: The protection and the promotion of the best interests of the firemen of North Carolina, the compilation of fire statistics, the collection of information concerning the

practical workings of different systems of organizations, the examination and inquiry concerning the merits of the different kinds of apparatus in use and the improvements in the same, the cultivation of a fraternal fellowship between the different companies of the State.

Sec. 3. Said Association or corporation shall have power to appoint officers, hold meetings, adopt Constitution and enact such By-Laws in such manner as their Constitution may prescribe, and make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect the objects and aims of the Association, provided that such Constitution and By-Laws, rules and regulations be not repugnant to the Constitution of the State and of the United States.

Sec. 4. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 11th day of March, A. D., 1889.

The North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

PREAMBLE.

We, the members of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, in order to form a more perfect organization, establish harmony of action, insure prosperity and promote the best interests of the firemen of North Carolina, and compile statistics of information concerning the practical working of various systems and the merits of the different apparatus in use for the extinguishing of fires, also the cultivation of fraternal fellowship between the several Fire Departments of the State, do hereby establish the following Constitution and By-Laws:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Statistician, and they shall constitute the Executive Committee and will hold their respective offices for one year, or until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected at the annual meet-

ing of the Association by ballot, the successful candidate to receive a majority of the votes cast.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. The members of this Association shall consist of the several Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs of Fire Departments, Fire Marshals, Superintendents of Fire Alarm, Telegraph and Waterworks, and each regular organized Fire Company in the several Fire Departments of the State; said persons and companies complying with the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Association; all individual members of such fire company shall, also, by virtue of their membership in such company, be members of this Association for the purpose of participating in the benefits of this Association, and the funds distributed by it, so long as said company remains a member of this Association and complies with the Constitution and By-Laws, and no longer. But should any member fail to pay his pro rata assessments, when called for, he shall be debarred from the privileges of the Association.

Sec. 2. Any member injured or made sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of his duty as a fireman shall be entitled to the benefits from the "Firemen's Relief Fund" of this Association, as follows: At the rate of two ($2.00) dollars while totally unable to attend to his ordinary business by reason of such injury or sickness, but such beneficiary, arising from any particular injury or sickness, shall not lose time longer than *one hundred days* from date of such injury, or beginning of such disability created by sickness; but when partially disabled may receive $1.00 per day for not exceeding twenty days; but the Executive Committee may extend such benefits to the next annual meeting of said Association held next after the expiration of said period of one hundred days, and the Association at the annual meeting will, at its pleasure, determine the time for which such benefits may be received. That 10 per cent. be deducted from all claims for benefits and placed to the credit

of the General Fund to defray expenses of the same. In case of death from such sickness or injury, this Association shall pay to the widow of the deceased $250.00 and $50.00 for funeral expenses, and in case the deceased should have no relatives, this amount shall be paid into the treasury of the company of which he was a member. Every person or company eligible and desiring to become a member of this Association shall make application to the Secretary and at the same time pay to the Secretary the prescribed membership fee, and thereupon, if such applicant be eligible he shall become a member of this Association.

Sec. 3. Every fire company in the State, which is a member of the Association, shall, on or before the first day of August in each year, elect two delegates and also two alternates, to serve for the ensuing year, with the Chief Engineer and First Assistant of the various departments as delegates at large, who are entitled to one vote each. They shall be beneficiary members ef the Association and shall show on our beneficiary roll.

Sec. 4. All companies represented in this Association must be in full accord and in good standing in the fire department where they are located, and if at any time they are not so, they shall forfeit all right to membership in this Association; but that companies who retire from active service for a term of not more than two years shall be considered entitled to all privileges of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held at such time and place, in each and every year, as the Executive Committee may select, as a majority of the members present at the Association shall designate and special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. A failure to hold any annual meeting at the time designated in the Constitution shall in no wise make a dissolution of the Association.

Sec. 3. The Executive Committee shall meet at such time and place as they may decide, on a call of the President or a majority of said committee.

ARTICLE V.

Section 1. If any vacancy shall occur by reason of death, resignation of office or membership of any officers of this Association, such vacancy may be filled by the Executive Committee for the unexpired term for which said officer was elected.

ARTICLE VI.

Section 1. The Association shall have power to alter, amend or revise this Constitution and By-Laws, but it shall be necessary for a two-thirds vote of the members of the Association present *entitled to vote*. *Provided*, the proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing at a previous meeting of the Executive Committee.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the meetings of the Association and to sign all orders duly granted by the Association or Executive Committee.

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform all the duties of the President in his absence.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a complete record of the proceedings of the Association, to receive and answer all communications pertaining to the Association. To keep a roster of the names of the different companies composing the Association and the individual membership thereof, and to collect the initiation fee and per capita tax, to pay the same over to the Treasurer, taking

his receipt therefor. He shall receive as compensation for his services $100 per annum, to be paid quarterly by warrant on the Treasurer, signed by the President.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys collected by the Secretary and receipt to him for the same. He shall collect annually from the State Treasurer the amount appropriated by the Legislature for the Firemen's Relief Fund. He shall disburse no moneys except on order of the President or by instruction of the Association in annual meeting assembled. At the annual meeting he shall make a full report of all moneys received and distributed by him, and shall execute a bond to the State of North Carolina to the amount of $5,000, to be approved and filed with the Treasurer of the said State of North Carolina, and shall make a detailed report to the said Treasurer of the yearly expenditures of the Firemen's Relief Fund. He shall execute a bond in the sum of $800 to this Association for the security of the General Fund; said bond must be approved by the Executive Committee. He shall receive $150 for compensation as annual salary, to be paid quarterly by warrant issued by the Secretary and signed by the President.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Statistician to correctly compile the statistics of each village and city in the State of all matters pertaining to the fire service, annually correcting the previous reports, which shall include everything of interest to our firemen, and be so arranged as to be comprehensive in every detail. The expenses of all printing, printed matter and postage necessary in the sending for and receiving of such information to be paid for by the Association, and he shall receive $25 annually for his services.

Sec. 6. The duty of the Executive Committee shall be to have published the proceedings of the Association; to transact all business of the Association during the time intervening between the annual meetings, and they shall constitute a Board of Trustees for the management of all funds

of the Association. At all meetings of the Executive Committee a majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of such quorum may determine all questions.

ARTICLE II.

Section 1. Each company shall pay a membership fee of five dollars; fifty cents per capita yearly thereafter in advance for dues; and each Chief, Assistant Chief, Fire Marshal and Superintendent of Fire Alarm Telegraph and Water Works shall pay one dollar annual dues in advance. The Secretary of the Association shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

Sec. 2. The annual dues shall be paid on or before the first day of January in each year, in advance for the ensuing year, and all members who fail to comply with this Section shall, thereon, and by reason of such failure cease to be members of this Association and cannot again become members except by a new application, made in regular form, and paying the prescribed fee for membership.

Sec. 3. Any individual or company, members of this Association, who at any time, fail to act in a gentlemanly manner, may, upon charges being brought before the Association, be expelled from said Association by a majority vote of the membership.

Sec. 4. Any exempt fireman may, upon the payment of two dollars and of the regular dues, become a member of this Association, with all the rights and privileges of any other member.

ARTICLE III.

Section 1. All members sick or injured in the line of fire duty shall be entitled to the benefits from the Firemen's Relief Fund of this Association as follows: At the rate of $2.00 each day, while unable to attend to their regular business, as provided in the Constitution. That 10 per cent. be deducted from all claims for benefits and placed to the credit of the General Fund to defray expenses of the same.

Sec. 2. In case of death from sickness or injury received in the performance of fire duty, $250.00 and $50.00 for funeral expenses.

Sec. 3. For the widow; in case there is no widow, to the children; if there is no child or children, to the mother of the deceased fireman, the $250.00 and $50.00 for funeral expenses, and in case there be no relative, to be paid to the Treasurer of the company of which he was a member.

Sec. 4. The Chief or acting Chief shall certify before a Magistrate or Notary Public on blank form, in triplicate, furnished by the Secretary; all particulars regarding each case where a benefit is required, accompanied by the certificate of the attending physician.

Sec. 5. Application for benefits shall be made to the Secretary in compliance with forms to be furnished by him for that purpose, and shall be made within thirty days after receiving the injury or contracting the disease complained of but said time for making said application may be extended by the Executive Committee for good cause shown.

Sec. 6. The action of the Association upon all questions that may arise as to granting or referring relief and benefits, both as to amount thereof and the person claiming, and as incidental thereto, upon all questions relating to the rights or claims of membership, shall be final and conclusive and the action of the Executive Committee upon said questions shall in like manner and extent be final and conclusive until the same be changed by the Association at its annual meeting.

The following recommendation was read and unanimously passed at Winston-Salem, July 18, 1905:

To the North Carolina State Firemen's Association:

Your Executive Committee beg leave to make the following report upon the communication presented to it by

Mr. M. J. O'Neill in regard to the salary of the President and the traveling expenses of officers of the Association:

We recommend that the salary of the President be allowed to remain at $150.00 per year, as fixed by the Convention held in the city of Goldsboro, and that such expenses as may be actually and necessarily incurred by the President when absent from home upon business of the Association, to be incurred at his discretion, be paid upon his voucher out of the General Funds of the Association, and that the actual expenses of officers of the Association in att nding annual Conventions be likewise paid out of the General Funds.

We recommend that these provisions be incorporated in the By-Laws of the Association.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The presiding officer shall preserve order and decorum; all questions of order shall be decided by him, subject to an appeal of the Association.

2. Every member when he speaks shall rise, standing in his place, addressing the presiding officer, and shall omit personalties and confine himself to the question under debate.

3. When two or more members shall rise at once, the presiding officer shall name the one who shall speak first.

4. A member when called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain by the Chair. If there be no appeal, the decision shall be conclusive.

5. Every delegate shall vote unless excused by the Association, but no delegate shall vote on any question in which he shall have a direct individual or pecuniary interest, and the President shall only vote in case of a tie.

6. The ayes and nays shall be taken and entered upon

the minutes of the Association, if required by three delegates.

7. All business not provided for in these By-Laws shall be transacted according to the parliamentary rules that govern deliberate bodies. No less than the representatives of five companies shall constitute a quorum.

Order of Business.

1. Call to Order.
2. Presentation of Credentials.
3. Appointment of Credentials Committee.
4. Reading of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.
5. Collection of Dues.
6. Reports of Officers and Committees.
7. Report of Board of Trustees.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Volunteer Reports of Fire Organizations.
10. Election of Officers.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. Adjournment.

An Act Creating a Relief Fund for Disabled Firemen.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

Section 1. That the sum of $2,500.00 be, and the same is hereby appropriated annually, and shall constitute a Firemen's Relief Fund, but in no case shall the said appropriation exceed one-half of the license tax levied and collected by the State from insurance companies.

Sec. 2. That the Treasurer of the State shall pay the amount constituting the Firemen's Relief Fund to the Treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association on the warrant of the Auditor of the State.

Sec. 3. That the money so paid in the hands of the Treasurer of the said North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall be known and remain as the Firemen's Relief Fund of North Carolina, and shall be used as a fund for the relief of firemen, members of the Association, who may be injured or rendered sick by disease contracted in the actual discharge of duty as firemen; and for the relief of widows, children, and if there be no widow or children, then dependent mothers of such firemen killed or dying from disease so contracted in such discharge of duty to be paid in such manner and in such sums to suit such individuals of the classes herein named and described as may be provided for and determined upon in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association. Any such provisions and determinations made persuant to said Constitution and By-Laws shall be final and conclusive as to the persons entitled to benefits and as to the amonnt of benefit to be received, and no action at law shall be maintained against said Association to enforce any claim or recover any benefits under this Act, or under the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association, but if any officer or committee of said Association omit or

refuse to perform any duty imposed upon him or them, nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any proceedings against said officer or committee to compel him or them to perform such duty.

Sec. 4. The Treasurer of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association shall give a bond to the State of North Carolina, with good and sufficient sureties to the satisfaction of the Treasurer of the State of North Carolina, in double of the sum received by him, for the faithful performance of his duties under this Act, and shall make a detailed report to the State Treasurer of the yearly expenditures of the appropriation under this Act on or before the end of the fiscal year.

Sec. 5. The line of duty specified in Section 3 shall not be so construed as to mean any other duty except actual fire duty, which shall consist of service in the fire department from the time of the fire alarm until members are dismissed by the company officers at roll call; also, any actual fire duty connected with the fire department when directed to perform same by the officer in charge.

Sec. 6. That any fireman of good moral character in North Carolina, and belonging to any organized fire company, who will comply with the requisition of the Constitution and By-Laws of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, may become a member of said Association, and any organized fire company in North Carolina, holding itself ready for duty, may, upon compliance with the requisitions of said Constitution and By-Laws, become a member of said North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Sec. 7. That the provisions of this Act shall apply to any fireman who is a member of a regularly organized fire company.

Sec. 8. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this the 6th day of March, A. D., 1891.

Amendment.

An Act of the last Legislature reads as follows (see page 41, Proceedings of 1893):

An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 868, Laws 1891:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

Section 1. That Section 2, Chapter 863, Laws 1891, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. That the Treasurer of the State shall pay the amount constituting the Firemen's Relief Fund on the warrant of the Auditor, three-fourths to the Treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association properly chartered by law. That the said Treasurer of the North Carolina State Volunteer Firemen's Association shall give bond, and the said Association shall disburse the funds in same manner and under the same rules as in the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

Sec. 3. That this Act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified March 6th, A. D., 1893.

Amendment.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

Section 1. That Section 2, Chapter 474, of Laws 1893, be amended as follows:

That the word three-fourths in line three of said Section be stricken out and the word one-fourth be inserted in lieu thereof.

Sec. 2. That this Act be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified this 28th day of February, A. D., 1895.

Firemen's Relief Fund.

An Act to create a "Firemen's Relief Fund" and to increase the efficiency of the Fire Departments in the several towns and cities in North Carolina:

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

Section 1. That every fire insurance company, corporation or association doing business in any incorporated town or city in North Carolina that has, or may hereafter have, a regular organized fire department under the control of the Mayor and City Council or other governing body of said town or city, and which has in serviceable condition for fire duty, apparatus and equipments amounting to one thousand dollors or more, and which enforces the fire laws to the satisfaction of the Insurance Commissioner, shall return to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of North Carolina a just and true account of all premiums collected and received from all fire insurance business done within the corporate limits of such towns and cities during the year ending December thirty-first, or such portion thereof as they may have transacted such business in such towns and cities. Such returns to be made within sixty days from and after the thirty-first day of December of each year; Provided, that this act shall not apply to any insurance corporation or association which invests three-fourths of its capital in North Carolina securities.

Sec. 2. That every fire insurance company, corporation or association, as aforesaid, shall within seventy-five days from December thirty-first of each year, deliver and pay to the State Insurance Commissioner the sum of fifty cents out of and from every one hundred dollars, and at that rate, upon the amount of all premiums written on fire and lightning policies covering property situated within the incorporated limits of such towns and cities during the year ending

December thirty-first, in each year or for such portion of each year as said company, corporation or association shall have done business in said towns and cities.

Sec. 3. Every such company, corporation or association shall make accurate returns of all business done, both on fire and lightning insurance, covering property situated within the limits of such towns and cities; and in case any fraud, misrepresentation or mistake of any returns, as provided for in this act, be apparent, it shall be the duty of the Insurance Commissioner to investigate such returns and collect the amount which he shall find to be due.

Sec. 4. Every fire insurance company, association or corporation aforesaid which shall knowingly or willingly fail or neglect to report or pay over any of the moneys due on premiums as aforesaid, at the times and in the manner specified in the preceding sections of this act, or shall be found upon examination to have made a false return of business done by them, shall for each offense forfeit and pay the sum of three hundred dollars for the use and benefit of the fire department of such town or city, to be recovered in a civil action in the name of the town or city.

Sec. 5. The Insurance Commissioner shall pay over the money so collected from the insurance companies, corporations or associations, as aforesaid. in the several towns and cities in the State, having, or that may hereafter have organized fire departments as provided in section one of this act, to the Treasurer of each town or city, to be held by him as a separate and distinct fund, subject to the use of the Board of Trustees of the Firemen's Relief Fund in each town or city, composed of five members, residents of said city or town, as hereinafter provided for, to be used by them for the purpose as named in section six of this act.

Sec. 6. In each town and city complying with and deriving benefits from the provisions of this act as per sections one and two, there shall be appointed annually, in January, a local Board of Trustees, known as the Trustees of the

Firemen's Relief Fund, to be composed of five members, two of whom shall be named by the members of the local fire department, two by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen or other local governing body, and the remaining member by the State Insurance Commissioner, all to hold office for two years, or until their successors are appointed, and to serve without pay for their services. They shall immediately after appointment organize by electing from their members a chairman and a secretary and treasurer, which last two positions may be held by the same person. The said treasurer of the said Board of Trustees shall give a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by the Insurance Commissioner, for the faithful and proper discharge of the duties of his office. The Board thus organized shall have entire control of the funds derived from the provisions of this act, and shall only disburse the said funds for the following purposes:

(1). To safeguard the men in active service from loss of time from their daily work, occasioned by sickness contracted or injury received while in the performance of their duties as firemen upon such conditions as are now in force or may hereafter be adopted by the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

(2). To provide a reasonable support for those actually dependent upon the services of any fireman who may lose his life in the fire service of his town, city or State, either by accident or from disease or injury contracted by reason of said service. The amount to be determined according to the earning capacity of the deceased.

(3). To safeguard any fireman who has honorably served for a period of ten years in the fire service of his city or town, from ever becoming an inmate of any almshouse or actually dependent upon charity.

Sec 7. The Board of Trustees, as above constituted, shall keep a correct account of all moneys received and disbursed by them, and shall at the annual meeting of the

North Carolina State Firemen's Association render an itemized statement of the same, for publication in the annual report, a copy of which report shall be made annually to the State Insurance Commissioner; and in case any Board of Trustees in any of the towns and cities benefitted by this act shall neglect or fail to perform their duties, or shall wilfully misappropriate the funds entrusted to their care, or shall neglect or fail to report at the annual meeting of the State Association, then shall the Insurance Commissioner withhold any and all further payments to such Board of Trustees, or their successors, until the matter has been fully investigated by an official of the State Firemen's Association and adjusted to the satisfaction of the State Insurance Commissioner. And it is further provided that should such payments be unadjusted for a period of fifteen months from the time when such payment would otherwise have been made, then the Insurance Commissioner shall pay over the said payment to the North Carolina State Firemen's Association to be used, by the said Association, as a general relief fund for the purpose of assisting any local Board of Trustees where *bona fide* claims for benefits arising under purposes one and two of section six shall have exceeded the income arising from the local one-half per cent. tax.

Sec. 8. The Clerk of any city, town, village or other municipal corporation having an organized fire department shall, on or before the thirty-first day of October in each year, make and file with the Insurance Commissioner his certificate, stating the existence of such department, the number of steam, hand or other engines, hook and ladder trucks, and hose carts in actual use, the number of organized companies, and the system of water supply in use in such departments, together with such other facts as such Insurance Commissioner may require, on a blank to be furnished by him. If the certificate required by this section is not filed with the Insurance Commissioner on or before October thirty-first, in any year, the city, town or village so failing to file such certificate shall be deemed to have waived

and relinquished its rights for such year to the appropriation herein provided for.

Sec. 9. For the purpose of supervision and a guaranty that the provisions of this act shall be administered in a business-like manner, it is provided that every department enjoying the benefits of this law shall be a member of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association, and comply with its Constitution and By-Laws. And it is further provided that a sum not to exceed five per cent. of the gross proceeds received by each town or city from the provisions of this act shall be turned over to the said State Firemen's Association for general purposes.

Sec. 10. Inasmuch as there are in a number of the towns and cities in this State fire companies composed exclusively of colored men, it is expressly provided that the local Board of Trustees shall make no discrimination on account of color in the payment of benefits.

Sec. 11. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 12. That this act shall be in force and take effect from and after its ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times, and ratified this the 9th day of March, A. D., 1907.

Horse Hose Wagon Contest.

July 27th, 1910.

JUDGES.

J. L. Scott, J. W. Thurman, J. S. Wynn,
A. B. Horney, H. King, Chief Harrington.

TIMERS.

Richardson, Simpson, Willis.

TEAMS	TIME
Hose Co., Kinston	31 Seconds
Capitol Hose Co. No. 3, Raleigh	31 Seconds
Rescue Hose Co. No. 1, Raleigh	31 2-5 Seconds
Hose Co. No. 1, Sanford	43 Seconds
Hose Co. No. 1, Asheville	30 2-5 Seconds
Hose Co., High Point	32 1-5 Seconds
Hose Co. No, 2, Asheville	30 1-5 Seconds
Hose Co., Statesville	34 Seconds

Hand Reel Contest.

July 28th, 1910.

JUDGES.

M. A. Shank, W. A. Mabrey, J. W. Thurman.

TIMER .

Richardson, Simpson, Willis.

TEAMS	TIME
South Side No. 1	23 1-2 Seconds

Shop Team (Spencer)	25	Seconds
Chapel Hill	26 1-5	Seconds
Salem Reel Team	25	Seconds

Grab Reel Contest.

Same Judges and Timers as Hand Reel Contest.

South Side No. 1	17 2-5	Seconds
Shop Team (Spencer)	0	Seconds
Chapel Hill	0	Seconds
Salem Reel Team	17 1-5	Seconds

Interstate Contests.

July 29th, 1910.

HORSE HOSE WAGON CONTEST.

Same Judges and Timers.

TEAMS	TIME	
Asheville Hose Co. No. 1	0	Seconds
High Point	32	Seconds
Statesville	32 1-5	Seconds
Kinston	29	Seconds
Rescue No. 1	30 1-5	Seconds
Sanford	0	Seconds
Capitol Hose No. 3	0	Seconds
Asheville No. 2	29 1-5	Seconds

HAND REEL CONTEST.

Same Judges and Timers.

TEAMS	TIME
South Side No. 1	24 2-5 Seconds
Shop Team (Spencer)	0 Seconds
Chapel Hill	26 1-5 Seconds
Salem Reel Team	24 3-5 Seconds

GRAB REEL CONTEST.

TEAMS	TIME
South Side	17 4-5 Seconds
Shop Team (Spencer)	17 Seconds
Chapel Hill	0 Seconds
Salem Reel Team	18 Seconds

Records.

LONG DISTANCE.

1907—Raleigh..... 245 feet and 8½ inches
1908—Wilmington..... 130 feet and 1 inch
1909—New Bern..... 178 feet 4½ inches

QUICK STEAM.

1907—Goldsboro..... 2 minutes and 37 3-5 seconds
1908—New Bern..... 2 minutes and 56 seconds
1909—New Bern..... 2 minutes and 3 seconds

HORSE HOSE WAGON CONTEST.

Teams.	Seconds.
1907—Asheville No. 2	29 4-5
1908—Eclipse, Goldsboro	31 1-5
1909—Asheville No. 1	26 1-5
1910—Kinston	29

HAND REEL CONTESTS.

Teams.	Seconds.
1907—Salem	26 3-5
1908—Southside, Chestnut Hill	25
1909—Spencer	23 3-5
1910—South Side	23 1-2

GRAB RACES.

Teams.	Seconds.
1907—Southside, Chestnut Hill	19
1908—Salem	17 3-5
1909—Spencer	17 4-5
1910—Spencer	17

Honorary Members.

Geo. G. Cumming, Secretary Virginia State Firemen's Association, Portsmouth, Va.
Hon. J. L. King, Greensboro, N. C.
Hon. J. J. Nelson, Greensboro, N. C.
Hon. W. S. Cook, Fayetteville, N. C.
Miss Lillian Brown, Greensbore, N. C.
Hon. Theo. F. Kluttz, Salisbury, N. C.
Miss Laura Deal, New Bern, N. C.
Hon. H. L. Peterson, Goldsboro, N. C.
S. H. Fishblate, Wilmington, N. C.
Julian S. Carr, Durham, N. C.
R. B. Glenn, Raleigh, N. C.
Miss Bessie McNeill, Fayetteville, N. C.
B. J. Swinson, Charlotte, N. C.